

isn't, haven't, don't, etc. (negatives)

A

We use **not** (n't) in negative sentences:

Affirmative → Negative

am	am not ('m not)
is	is not (isn't or 's not)
are	are not (aren't or 're not)
was	was not (wasn't)
were	were not (weren't)
have	have not (haven't)
has	has not (hasn't)
will	will not (won't)
can	cannot (can't)
could	could not (couldn't)
should	should not (shouldn't)
would	would not (wouldn't)
must	must not

- I'm not** tired.
- It isn't** (or **It's not**) raining.
- They aren't** (or **They're not**) here.
- Ryan wasn't** hungry.
- The stores weren't** open.
- I haven't** finished my work yet.
- Sue hasn't** been to Mexico.
- We won't** be here tomorrow.
- John can't** drive.
- I couldn't** sleep last night.
- You shouldn't** work so hard.
- I wouldn't** like to be an actor.
- They must not** have a car.

B

don't/doesn't/didn't

Simple present negative

I/we/you/they
he/she/it**do not** (don't)
does not (doesn't)

work/live/go, etc.

Simple past negative

I/they/he/she, etc.

did not (didn't)

Affirmative → Negative

I want to go out.	→ I don't want to go out.
They work hard.	→ They don't work hard.
Liz plays the guitar.	→ Liz doesn't play the guitar.
My father likes his job.	→ My father doesn't like his job.

I got up early this morning.	→ I didn't get up early this morning.
They worked hard yesterday.	→ They didn't work hard yesterday.
We played tennis.	→ We didn't play tennis.
Olivia had dinner with us.	→ Olivia didn't have dinner with us.

Don't...

Look! → **Don't look!**Wait for me. → **Don't wait** for me.Sometimes **do** is the main verb (**don't do** / **doesn't do** / **didn't do**):

Do something!	→ Don't do anything!
Sue does a lot on weekends.	→ Sue doesn't do much on weekends.
I did what you said.	→ I didn't do what you said.

Exercises

41.1 Make these sentences negative.

- 1 He's gone out. **He hasn't gone out.**
 2 They're married.
 3 I had dinner.

- 4 It's cold today.
 5 We'll be late.
 6 You should go.

41.2 Make these sentences negative. Use **don't/doesn't/didn't**.

- 1 She saw me. **She didn't see me.**
 2 I like cheese.
 3 They understood.

- 4 He lives here.
 5 Go away!
 6 I did the dishes.

41.3 Make these sentences negative.

- 1 She can swim. **She can't swim.**
 2 They've arrived.
 3 I went to the bank.
 4 He speaks Japanese.
 5 We were angry.

- 6 He'll be happy.
 7 Call me tonight.
 8 It rained yesterday.
 9 I could hear them.
 10 I believe you.

41.4 Complete these sentences with a negative verb (**isn't/haven't/don't**, etc.).

- 1 They aren't rich. They **don't** have much money.
 2 "Would you like something to eat?" "No, thank you. I hungry."
 3 I find my glasses. Have you seen them?
 4 David go to the movie theater much. He'd rather watch movies at home.
 5 We can walk to the station from here. It very far.
 6 "Where's Jane?" "I know. I seen her today."
 7 Be careful! fall!
 8 We went to a restaurant last night. I like the food very much.
 9 I've been to Japan many times, but I been to South Korea.
 10 Julia be here tomorrow. She'll be out of town.
 11 "Who broke that window?" "Not me. I do it."
 12 We didn't see what happened. We looking at the time.
 13 Jenn bought a new coat a few days ago, but she worn it yet.
 14 You drive so fast. It's dangerous.

41.5 You ask Sam some questions. He answers "Yes" or "No." Write sentences about Sam, affirmative or negative.



YOU

- Are you married?
 Do you live in Los Angeles?
 Were you born in Los Angeles?
 Do you like Los Angeles?
 Would you like to live someplace else?
 Can you drive?
 Have you traveled abroad?
 Do you read the newspaper?
 Are you interested in politics?
 Do you usually watch TV at night?
 Did you watch TV last night?
 Did you go out last night?

- 1 **He isn't married.**
 2 **He lives in Los Angeles.**
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