

## 33. The not\_to Method

There are multiple matchers (one of them is “eq”).

The inverse of “to” method

```
expect(5).not_to eq(3)
```

## 34. Equality Matchers I (eq and eql)

### eq matcher

Checks the value and ignores type

```
describe 'eq matcher' do
  it 'tests for value and ignores type' do
    expect(a).to eq(3)
    expect(a).to eq(3.0)
    expect(a).to eq(b)
  end
end
```

### eql matcher

Checks value and checks the values to be the same type

```
describe 'eql matcher' do
  it 'tests for value, including same type' do
    expect(a).not_to eql(3)
    expect(b).not_to eql(3.0)
    expect(a).not_to eql(b)
  end
end
```

## 35. Equality Matchers II (equal and be)

Quality is more about the value. Identity about if they are the same object.

**be** and **equal** are aliases.

```

describe 'queal and be matcher' do
  let(:c) { [1, 2, 3] }
  let(:d) { [1, 2, 3] }
  let(:e) { c }

  it 'cares about object equality' do
    expect(c).to eq(d)
    expect(c).to eql(d)

    expect(c).to equal(e)
    expect(c).to be(e)
  end
end

```

## 36. Comparison Matchers

Use ruby operators

Use method “be” before the operators

```

RSpec.describe 'comparison matchers' do
  it 'allows for comparison with built-in ruby operators' do
    expect(10).to be > 5
    expect(10).to be < 20
    expect(10).to be >= 5
    expect(10).to be <= 15
  end
end

```

One line and use object instead of class

We can pass a specific object as well as the describe method parameter

```

describe 100 do
  it { is_spected.to be > 90 }
  it { is_spected.to be >= 100 }
  it { is_spected.to be < 500 }
end

```

## 37. Predicate Matchers

Predicate methods are the ones that return false or true. They end with a question mark (it is not a technical standard).

To include them on a test, you will do something like this:

```
RSpec.describe 'predicate methods and predicate matchers' do
  it 'can be tested with ruby methods' do
    result = 16 / 2
    expect(result.even?).to eq(true)
  end
end
```

But we have a shortcut to use them in RSpec

```
it 'can be tested with predicate matchers' do
  expect(16 / 2).to be_even
end
```

After “to” you add a predicate method from ruby, remove the interrogation mark and add the prefix “be\_” to it.

For example, we have the predicate method “.even?”, we will write it down like “be\_even”

- be\_even
- be\_odd
- be\_zero
- be\_empty
- etc

## 38. all Matcher

It is useful to check arrays.

You will usually do this:

Iterate over the array and assert each value

```
it 'allows for aggregate checks' do
  [5, 7, 9].each do |val|
    expect(val).to be_odd
  end
end
```

Better way:

You use “all” and you pass it a matcher, a predicate method to be more specific.

```

RSpec.describe 'all matcher' do
  it 'allows for aggregate checks' do
    expect([5, 7, 9]).to all(be_odd)
    expect([4, 6, 8, 10]).to all(be_even)
    expect([], []).to all(be_empty)
    expect([0, 0]).to all(be_zero)
    expect([5, 7, 9]).to all(be < 10)
    expect([1, 1, 1]).to all(eq(1))
  end

  describe [5, 7, 9] do
    it { is_expected.to all(be_odd) }
    it { is_expected.to all(be < 10) }
  end
end

```

It checks that all values of the array fulfill a condition.

## 39. be Matcher (Truthy, Falsy and Nil Values)

Truthy and falsy means passing non boolean values to a condition structure to check them.

```

# falsy values --- false, nil
# truthy values --- everything else

```

It can be used when you don't care what is being returned but you care about if it is valid.

### be truthy

```

RSpec.describe 'be matchers' do
  it 'can test for truthiness' do
    expect(true).to be_truthy
    expect('Hello').to be_truthy
    expect(5).to be_truthy
    expect(0).to be_truthy
    expect(-1).to be_truthy
    expect(3.14).to be_truthy
    expect([]).to be_truthy
    expect([1, 2]).to be_truthy
    expect({}).to be_truthy
    expect(:symbol).to be_truthy
  end
end

```

## be\_falsy

```
it 'can tests for falsiness' do
  expect(false).to be_falsy
  expect(nil).to be_falsy
end
```

## be\_nil

We can check if the value is nil on specific  
Useful to check if a hash key exists

```
it 'can test for nil' do
  expect(nil).to be_nil

  my_hash = { a: 5 }
  expect(my_hash[:b]).to be_nil
end
```

## 40. change Matcher

An operator that allows tracking change after a method call.

```
expect { subject.push(4) }.to change { subject.length }.from(3).to(4)
```

On a block we pass the method that supposedly is going to make a change to an attribute. Then using change we pass a block where we add what value should change. Then using “from” and “to” we specify from what value and to which value it should change.

**He does not like the tree and four hardcoded since if someone change the original size of the array it is not going to work**

### By

“by” will fix this issue, will read the initial value automatically and then we pass how much it will change

```
expect { subject.push(4) }.to change { subject.length }.by(1)
```

*A common use by this “change matcher” is when you add something to your database and you want to see if the quantity of rows increased*

**Also works with negatives (to check a decrease)**

```
expect { subject.pop }.to change { subject.length }.by(-1)
```

Also works with 0 (to check it did not change)

## 41. contain\_exactly Matcher

Checks if an array contains some elements in any order

It fails also if there are more elements than in the array, or less elements in the array

```
describe 'long form syntax' do
  it 'should check for the presence of all elements' do
    expect(subject).to contain_exactly(2, 3, 1)
    expect(subject).to_not contain_exactly(2, 3, 1, 4)
    expect(subject).to_not contain_exactly(2, 3)
  end
end
```

```
it { is_expected.to contain_exactly(1, 2, 3) }
```

If you want to check for the values and care about the order you can use the eq. But if you do not care then use this one.

## 42. start\_with and end\_with Matchers

Checks if an object (string or array) starts or ends with a value.

It is case sensitive

```
it 'should check for substring at beginning or end' do
  expect(subject).to start_with('cat')
  expect(subject).to end_with('pillar')

  expect(subject).to_not start_with('Cat')
end

it { is_expected.to end_with('pillar') }
```

Array:



```
describe [1, 2, 3] do
  it 'should check for elements at the beginning or end of the array' do
    expect(subject).to start_with(1)
    expect(subject).to end_with(3)
  end
end
```

With an array, you can check for more than one value

```
expect(subject).to start_with(1, 2)
```

## 43. have\_attributes Matcher

It checks for attributes and their corresponding value

```
RSpec.describe 'have_attributes matcher' do
  describe ProfessionalWrestler.new('Stone Cold', 'Stunner') do
    it 'checks for object attributes and proper values' do
      expect(subject).to have_attributes(name: 'Stone Cold', finishing_move: 'Stunner')
    end
  end
end
```

### Ruby feature

If a hash represents the last argument from a method, then you can pass a hash without the curly brackets.

## 44. include Matcher

Check if array or string includes an element or substring  
You can pass multiple parameters.

## String and array

```
describe 'hot chocolate' do
  it 'checks for substring inclusion' do
    expect(subject).to include('hot')
    expect(subject).to include('choc')
    expect(subject).to include('late')
  end

  it { is_expected.to include('choc') }
end

describe [10, 20, 30] do
  it 'checks for inclusion in the array regardless of order' do
    expect(subject).to include(10)
  end

  it { is_expected.to include(20, 30, 10) }
end
end
```

## Hash

```
describe ({ a: 1, b: 2 }) do
  it 'can check for key existence' do
    expect(subject).to include(:a)
  end

  it 'can check for key value' do
    expect(subject).to include(a: 1)
  end
end
end
```

## 45. raise\_error Matcher

Checks if something throws an error

We need to pass a block since if we call something that throws errors then it is going to fail, we pass the block to the expected method and it handles the error.

### Test for any error

This is not recommended since it can throw an error that you are not expecting to be thrown and have a false positive.

```
it 'can check for any error' do
  expect { some_method }.to raise_error
end
```



## Test for a specific error

It can also check for custom errors.

```
it 'can check for a specific error' do
  expect { some_method }.to raise_error(NameError)
end
```

Off topic, but here it is how to create your own exceptions

```
class CustomError < StandardError; end
```

or

```
class CustomError < StandardError
end
```

## 46. respond\_to Matcher

It checks that an object has a method

Other rspec methods are more about what a method returns or its implementation, this one is more concern about if an object can respond to a method.

```
it 'confirms that an object can respond to a method' do
  expect(subject).to respond_to(:drink)
  expect(subject).to respond_to(:drink, :discard, :purchase)
end
```

You can be more specific and see if it responds with certain quantity of parameters

```
it 'confirms as well that a object can respond to a method with arguments' do
  expect(subject).to respond_to(:purchase).with(1).arguments
end
```

*Polymorphism:*

*Comes from the word shape and many. It does not matter what object (shape it has), what it matters is that this object behaves as other objects.*

## 47. satisfy Matcher

It allows us to have something similar as a custom expectation. You pass a block and if the block returns true then it passes.

```
it 'it is a palindrome' do
  expect(subject).to satisfy { |value| value == value.reverse }
end
```

The problem is that the error this launches is not user friendly, a product manager will not understand it very well.

### Add custom error message

```
it 'can accept a custom error message' do
  expect(subject).to satisfy('be a palindrome') do |value|
    value == value.reverse
  end
end
```

## 48. not\_to Method

```
it 'checks for the inverse of a matcher' do
  expect(5).not_to eq(10)
  expect([1, 2, 3]).not_to equal([1, 2, 3])
  expect(10).not_to be_odd
  expect([1, 2, 3]).not_to be_empty

  expect(nil).not_to be_truthy

  expect('Philadelphia').not_to start_with('car')
  expect('Philadelphia').not_to end_with('city')

  expect(5).not_to respond_to(:length)

  expect([:a, :b, :c]).not_to include(:d)

  expect { 11 / 3 }.not_to raise_error(NameError)
```

You can choose to use to or not\_to, it depends on you, choose the one that better adapts to the context you are describing.

## 49. Compound Expectations

Usually if you want to check that two conditions are valid at the same time you can write:

```
it 'can test for multiple matchers' do
  expect(subject).to be_odd
  expect(subject).to be > 20
end
```

This is valid, but you can combine them on a single line.

And

*We can add as many ands as we want*

```
expect(subject).to be_odd.and be > 20
```

Or

```
RSpec.describe [:mexico, :usa, :canada] do
  it 'can check for multiple possibilities' do
    expect(subject.sample).to eq(:usa).or eq(:canada).or eq(:mexico)
  end
end
```