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# Negative Sentences in English

(Agreement and Verb-be)

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# Things to notice ...

- **Subject and verb in predicate agree with each other.**
- **Singular Subject agrees with singular verbs**
- **Number, person and gender are important concepts to understand.**

Please observe ... (not good/correct!)

- **John      like      pizza.**

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- **I            likes      pizza.**

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- **We        likes      pizza.**

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- **They      likes      pizza.**

# Agreement ...

- John love<sup>s</sup> Mary.
- I like<sup>0</sup> pizza.
- We like<sup>0</sup> pizza.
- John like<sup>s</sup> pizza with his friends.
- John and Mary<sup>0</sup> like pizza.

# Correct Sentences

• **John likes pizza.**

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• **I like pizza.**

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• **We like pizza.**

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• **They like pizza.**

# Negative Sentences

• **John**      **does not**      **like**      **pizza.**

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• **I**      **do not**      **likes**      **pizza.**

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• **We**      **do not**      **likes**      **pizza.**

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• **They**      **do not**      **likes**      **pizza.**

# Negation, Tense, and Agreement


- John likes pizza
- John **does not** like pizza.
- I like pizza
- I **do not** likes pizza.
- We like pizza.
- We **do not** likes pizza.
- They like pizza
- They **do not** likes pizza.



# Imperative Sentences and Negation

- (You) come here.
- Do not (don't) come here.
- (You) sit down.
- Do not (don't) sit down
- (You) drink a glass of water.
- Do not (don't) drink a glass of water.

# Number and Person in Agreement

Number		Singular	Plural
Person			
• I		I	We
• II		You	You
• II		He, She, It	They

# Negation and Verb - be:

- I **am/was not** a doctor.
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- We **are/were** not students.
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- You **are/were** not a teacher.
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- He/She **is/was** not a teacher.
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- They **are/were** not teachers.

# More on negation in agreement ...

- 1. Rekha and her brothers (is, **are**) not in Delhi.
- 2. The dog or the cats (is, **are**) not outside.
- 3. Neither my shoes nor my coat (**is**, are) always on the floor.
- 4. Rekha and Amala (doesn't, **don't**) want to see that movie.

- 6. Rekha (**doesn't**, don't) know the answer.
- 7. One of my sisters (**is**, are) not going on a trip to France.
- 8. The man with all the birds [ ? ] (live, **lives**) on my street.
- 9. The movie, including all the previews, [ ? ] (take, **takes**) about two hours to watch.
- 10. The players, as well as the captain, [ ? ] (**want**, wants) to win.