

GRAMMAR

All about negation

LEVEL

Beginner

NUMBER

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LANGUAGE

English



Learning outcomes

- I can confidently determine when to use 'not' and 'no' to form a negative sentence.
- I can use other forms of negation correctly in a sentence.



You **don't** swim on Saturdays. You
never swim at the weekends.
Nobody swims at the weekends.





Word order with *not*



Word order is important.
We use **not** after **to be** or
to do.

I **am not** cold.

I **do not** like snow.

She **is not** from Switzerland.

She **does not** like winter.



Word order with contractions

- Word order is the same with contractions.

subject + verb + <i>not</i>	subject + verb + <i>not</i>	subject + verb + <i>not</i>
You are not cold.	You aren't cold.	You're not cold.
You do not like snow.	You don't like snow.	...



Put the words in the right order

like

not

cold

do

You

weather

Is it a contraction or not?

		Contraction	Not a contraction
1	I do not swim.		
2	It's not snowing.		
3	You aren't cold.		
4	They do not ride a bike in the rain.		
5	It doesn't snow in Cape Town.		



Fill in the gaps

- 1 It _____ snowing now. It is sunny.
- 2 It's _____ raining. It's foggy.
- 3 I _____ cold. It's very hot.
- 4 I _____ like cold weather.
- 5 You _____ hot. You're always cold.
- 6 He _____ ride a bike when it's raining.

isn't
doesn't
don't
aren't
'm not
not

never



They **never** like winter.

nobody



Nobody likes winter.

nowhere



There is **nowhere** that is nice when it's cold.

neither



I like **neither** winter nor summer.

no



She has **no** phone.

nothing



She has **nothing**.



Not only *not*

- We can use other words to make sentences negative.

negative

It **is not** snowing now.

You **don't** like snow.

negative

It **never** snows here, it is too warm.

Nobody likes snow!



Negative words

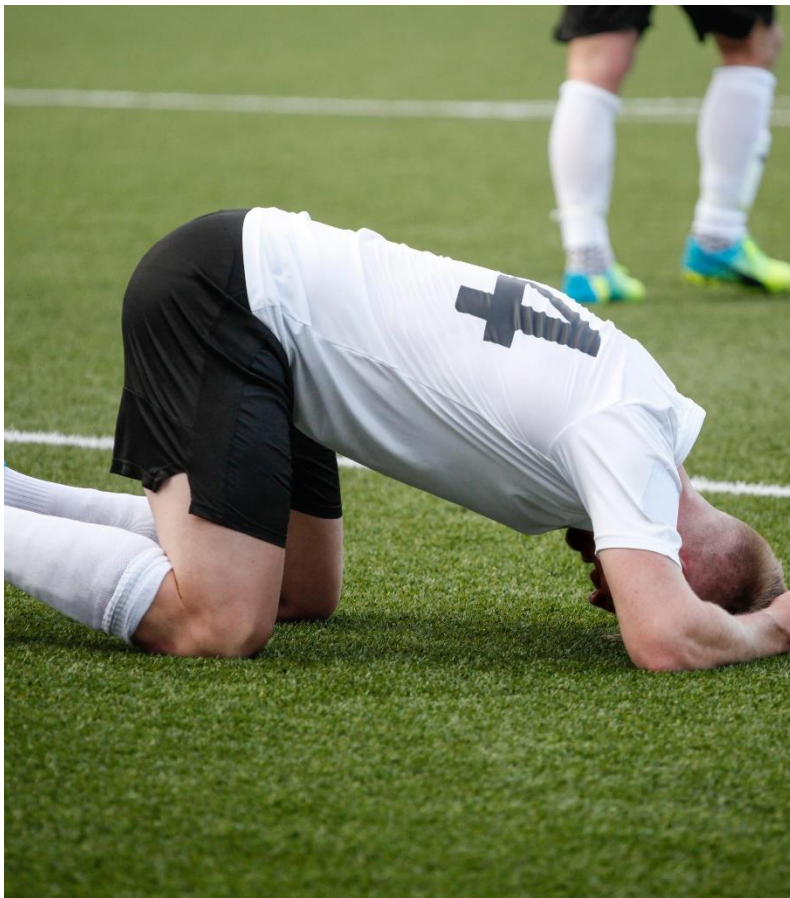


We have a negative word for each wh- question word.

wh- question word		negative word
Who likes tennis?	→	Nobody likes tennis.
When do you play tennis?	→	I never play tennis.
Where do you play tennis?	→	I don't play tennis. (Nowhere)
What sports do you play?	→	I don't play any sports. (No sports/nothing)
Which sport do you play, soccer or tennis?	→	I play neither sport.



Using *neither*



I don't like watching soccer.

Me neither!

Use the phrase **Me neither** to agree with someone else's negative statement



Answer the following questions

You can do this activity **in breakout rooms**.

Do you play a sport?

Who do you play with?

Where do you play?

When do you play?

Why do you play?

Which sports do you like to play?

Correct the word order

I do like not tennis. I play never tennis. I play don't tennis in the summer. I don't tennis play in the winter. I not do play tennis in the city. I play not do tennis in the country. I play nowhere tennis. Who likes tennis? likes tennis Nobody! Tennis isn't a good sport. What is good about tennis? Nothing is good about tennis!



Practise saying these words

nobody

nowhere

nothing

neither

Make the sentences negative

1 I always play tennis in the summer.



2 I play tennis.



3 Everybody likes tennis.



4 Tennis is a good sport.



5 Everything is good about tennis.





End of the lesson

Idiom

Never say never

Meaning: This means that you might change your mind about something in the future

Example:

A: I will never live in the countryside.

B: Never say never – maybe some day you will be tired of the city.



Additional practice



Complete the table

<u> </u>	both	neither
where?	everywhere	<u> </u>
who?	everybody	<u> </u>
when?"	<u> </u>	never
what?	<u> </u>	nothing





Complete the sentences.



1 You _____ hot. You're always cold.

2 I _____ cold. It's very hot.

3 He _____ ride a bike when it's raining.

4 It _____ snowing now. It is sunny.

5 It's _____ raining. It's foggy.

6 I _____ like cold weather.





Speaking

Ask and answer the questions with a partner.



Leila

What is something nobody likes?

Nobody likes cleaning the bathroom!



Andrej

What is something nobody likes?

What is something everybody likes?

What is something you never eat?

What is something you always do in the morning?



Write three sentences

Choose three words from the lesson and write sentences about you.

nothing
never
neither
nobody
nowhere
no

everything
always
everybody
everywhere

not
don't
doesn't

Everybody likes dogs.



Answer key

Exercise p. 6

You do not like cold weather.

Exercise p. 7

1. not a contraction 2. contraction 3. contraction 4. not a contraction 5. contraction

Exercise p. 8

1. isn't 2. not 3. 'm not 4. don't 5. aren't 6. doesn't

Exercise p. 19

I do not like tennis. I never play tennis. I don't play tennis in the summer. I don't play tennis in the winter. I do not play tennis in the city. I do not play tennis in the country. I play tennis nowhere. Who likes tennis? Nobody likes tennis! Tennis isn't a good sport. What is good about tennis? Nothing is good about tennis!

Exercise p. 21

1. never 2. don't play 3. Nobody 4. isn't 5. Nothing



Answer key

Exercise P.25:

which?	both	neither
where?	everywhere	nowhere
who?	everybody	nobody
when?	always	never
what?	everything	nothing

Exercise P.26:

1. are never 2. 'm not 3. doesn't 4. isn't 5. not 6. don't



Summary

Word order with *not*:

- We use *not* after *to be* or *to do*.
- Word order is the same with contractions.

Other words to make sentences negative:

- Using words like *never*, *nobody*, *nowhere*, *neither* and *nothing*



Vocabulary

never

nobody

nowhere

neither

no

nothing

