

# Negation with *not*

GRAMMAR

LEVEL  
Beginner

NUMBER  
EN\_BE\_1153G

LANGUAGE  
English





## Goals

- Can understand how not functions in negative sentences
- Can form basic sentences using not and contractions to talk when talking about work







## Preview and warm-up

- In this lesson, you will learn how to **negate sentences** with *not*.



They are **not** at their desks.



## Using *not* with *to be*

We use **not** with **to be** to make it negative.

positive	negative
I <b>am</b> cold in this office.	I am <b>not</b> cold in this meeting room.
He/She/It <b>is</b> cold in this office.	He/She/It is <b>not</b> cold in this meeting room.
You/We/They <b>are</b> cold in this office.	You/We/They are <b>not</b> cold in this meeting room.



## *It's not and it isn't*

We use contractions with **to be** and **not**.

am/is/are not	isn't/aren't	'm/'s/'re not
I am <b>not</b> cold in the office.	...	I'm <b>not</b> cold in the office.
He/She/It is <b>not</b> cold in the office.	He/She/It <b>isn't</b> cold in the office.	He's/She's/It's <b>not</b> cold in the office.
You/We/They are <b>not</b> cold in the office.	You/We/They <b>aren't</b> cold in the office.	You're/We're/They're <b>not</b> cold in the office.



## Is the sentence positive or negative?

	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE
1. I'm hot at my desk.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. I'm not hot in this room.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. It's not snowing.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. It's raining outside.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. We aren't cold in the office today.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



## Match the contractions

1. I am not cold.

2. You are not cold.

3. It is not cold.

4. She is not cold.

5. We are not cold.

6. It is not snowing.

7. It is not winter.

a. It isn't cold.

b. It isn't winter.

c. I'm not cold.

d. We aren't cold.

e. It's not snowing.

f. You're not cold.

g. She's not cold.





## Practise saying contractions

A

You're not cold.

B

You aren't cold.

C

It's not cold.

D

It isn't cold.



## Using *not* with *to do*

We use **not** with **to do** to make other verbs negative.

positive	negative
I/You/We/They walk to work.	I/You/We/They <b>do not</b> walk to work.
He/She walks to work.	He/She <b>does not</b> walk to work.
It snows in winter.	It <b>does not</b> snow in winter.



## *Don't and doesn't*

We use contractions with **to do** and **not**.

do/does not	don't/doesn't
I/You/We/They <b>do not</b> walk to work.	I/You/We/They <b>don't</b> walk to work.
He/She <b>does not</b> walk to work.	He/She <b>doesn't</b> walk to work.
It <b>does not</b> snow in winter.	It <b>doesn't</b> snow in winter.



## Is it positive or negative?

positive

negative

He's cold.



It doesn't snow  
in Cape Town.



It's snowing.



They aren't hot.



It isn't raining.



I'm not cold.



You don't run.



He surfs.





## *To be or to do?*

1. It \_\_\_\_\_ snowing.

**a. am not**

**b. isn't**

**c. aren't**

**d. don't**

2. It \_\_\_\_\_ snow in summer.

**a. don't**

**b. isn't**

**c. doesn't**

**d. aren't**

3. We \_\_\_\_\_ swim in the ocean.

**a. aren't**

**b. isn't**

**c. doesn't**

**d. don't**

4. You \_\_\_\_\_ cold.

**a. aren't**

**b. doesn't**

**c. don't**

**d. isn't**



## Contractions with *be* and *do*

In spoken English, we usually use contractions with *be* or *do* and *not*. We **don't** say the words in full.

In formal written English, we **don't** use these contractions. It **isn't** the same in informal English. We often use contractions in informal English.





## Practise saying contractions

A

I don't finish at 5pm.

B

It doesn't snow in  
Cape Town.

C

You don't walk to  
work.

D

She doesn't take the  
bus to the office



## Make the sentences negative

1. It snows in Cape Town.

→ It **doesn't snow** in Cape Town.

2. I am a lawyer.

→ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. It is raining.

→ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. You walk to work.

→ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. She swims in the ocean.

→ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_





## Describe the picture



He isn't...

She doesn't...



**All wrong!**

My computer  
doesn't work!

- As a group, think of as many problems at the office as you can!
- My boss isn't happy!
- My presentation isn't finished!

Oh no!



## Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.

yes

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no

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## Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson.  
What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?



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If you have time, go over  
the most difficult slides again



## Answer key

### Exercise p. 6

1. positive 2. negative 3. negative 4. positive 5. negative

### Exercise p. 7

1c, 2f, 3a, 4g, 5d, 6e, 7b

### Exercise p. 11

Positive: He's cold, It's snowing, He surfs.

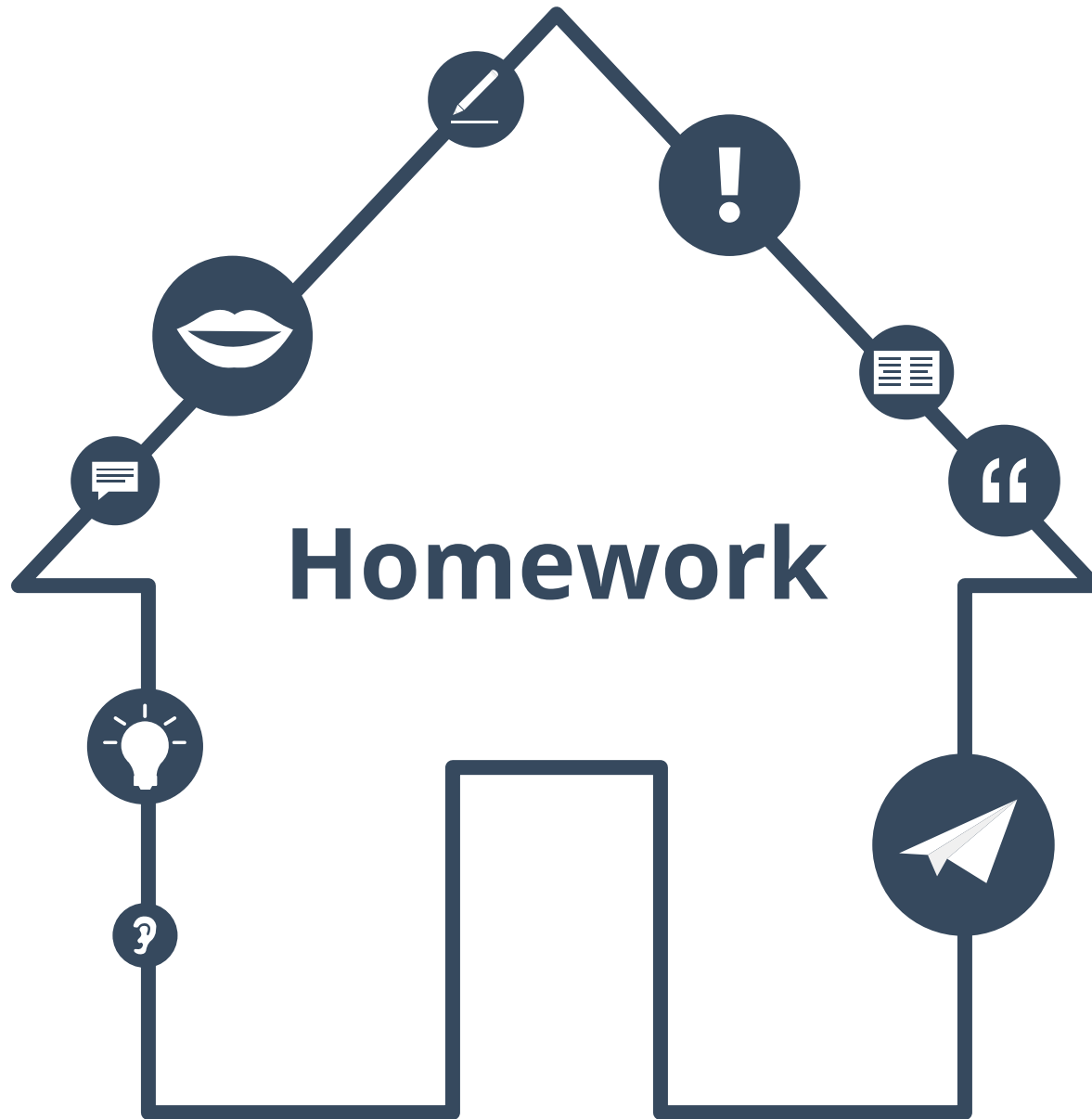
Negative: It doesn't snow in Cape Town, They aren't hot, It isn't raining, I'm not cold, You don't run.

### Exercise p. 12

1. isn't, 2. doesn't, 3. don't, 4. aren't

### Exercise p. 15

2. I'm not a lawyer, 3. It isn't raining, 4. You don't walk to work, 5. She doesn't take the subway.





## Complete the table

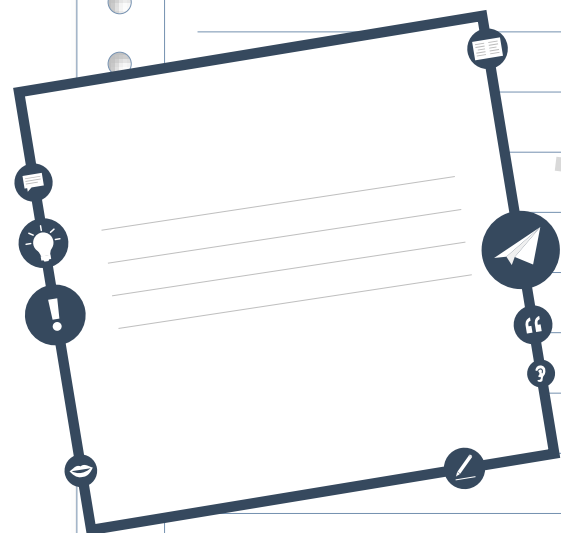
I am not	...	I'm not
_____	you aren't	you're not
he/she/it is not	_____	he's/she's/it's not
we are not	we aren't	_____
they are not	_____	they're not
_____	I don't	...
you do not	_____	...
he/she/it does not	_____	...
_____	we/they don't	...





## Text at the beginning

**Go back to the text on page 3  
and find examples of  
the grammar topic of this lesson in it.  
Write them down.**



Copy parts of the text  
that are examples of  
topic of the lesson.





## Find the verbs

**Find the verbs in this lesson and write them down.  
Which are new? Do you know all of them?  
Look these words up.**

Verbs

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## Easy or difficult?

**Is the grammar topic of this lesson...  
easy or difficult?**

**Write down what is difficult for you and what is easy.**

A vertical sheet of white paper with horizontal lines, resembling a notepad or notebook page, intended for writing answers.



## Homework answer key

Exercise p. 20: you are not, he/she/it isn't, we're not, they aren't, I do not, you don't, he/she/it doesn't, we/they do not



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