Negative values in the Quantity column typically indicate **returns**, **refunds**, or **corrections** in e-commerce and inventory datasets. Here are common reasons why Quantity values might be negative:

**1. Returns by Customers**

* A negative quantity often signifies that a customer returned items.
* For example:
  + A customer purchased 10 items but later returned 2. The dataset might record Quantity = -2 for the return transaction.

**2. Cancellations**

* If an order is canceled after being placed, the negative quantity could reflect the reversal of the original transaction.

**3. Adjustments or Corrections**

* Negative quantities might be used to correct errors in previous entries. For example:
  + If an initial transaction incorrectly recorded a sale of 10 items instead of 5, a subsequent transaction with Quantity = -5 might be logged to adjust the inventory.

**4. Inventory Write-offs**

* If items are damaged, lost, or otherwise removed from inventory, the system may log these events with negative quantities.

**5. Promotional or Special Cases**

* In some systems, giveaways or samples might be logged with a negative quantity to offset the inventory correctly while keeping the financial data accurate.