

AFFIRMATIVE AND NEGATIVE SENTENCES

◆ In the first chapter, you have learnt that there are four types of sentences – assertive, interrogative, imperative and exclamatory.

Now, take a look at the following sentences:

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| Assertive | - I am a doctor.
He sings well. | I am not a doctor.
He does not sing well. |
| Interrogative | - Is she a dancer?
When does he go to office? | Is she not a dancer?
When does he not go to office? |
| Imperative | - Shut the window.
Tell me your name. | Do not shut the window.
Don't tell me your name. |
| Exclamatory | - How intelligent he is!
What a thought! | Isn't he intelligent!
Isn't a good thought! |

You may have observed that all the types of sentences can be used to express both affirmation and negation. When a sentence is used to express an affirmation, it is called an **Affirmative Sentence** and when it is used to express a negation, it is called a **Negative Sentence**.

Negative sentences are made by adding negative words like no, not, never, none, neither, nor, etc. to the affirmative sentence. Now, observe the following sentences and note the style for changing an affirmative sentence into a negative sentence.

Affirmative Sentence	Negative Sentence
She is a teacher.	She is not a teacher.
We have money in the bank.	We have no money in the bank.
Both of them have a car.	Neither of them has a car.
I have seen the Taj Mahal.	I have not seen the Taj Mahal.

All the workers work hard.
 Somebody will take care of him.
 Sumit swims well.
 They ate all the apples.
 We have something for you.
 Enquire everybody.

You gave him something to eat.

I shall go to Mumbai.
 We will take a bus.
 Boys love sports.

She always tells a lie.
 Either of us can go out.
 Each of them has done her homework.

None of the workers work hard.
Nobody will take care of him.
 Sumit **does not** swim well.
 They **did not** eat all the apples.
 We have **nothing** for you.
Do not enquire everybody.
 or Enquire **nobody**.

You **did not** give him anything to eat.
 or you gave him **nothing** to eat.

I **shall not** go to Mumbai.
 We **will not** take a bus.
 Boys **do not** love sports.


She **never** tells a lie.
Neither of us can go out.
None of them has done her homework.

Negative terms like **is not**, **do not**, **did not**, etc., also have their short forms, though they are not commonly used in written composition. However, they are used frequently in conversation. Some of the commonly used forms are:

is not	isn't	do not	don't
will not	won't	did not	didn't
shall not	shan't	had not	hadn't
are not	aren't	could not	couldn't
should not	shouldn't	can not	can't

A. Change the following affirmative sentences into negative:

- Everybody likes eating mangoes.
- Mohan ate your share of apples.
- We will give you something to drink.
- They will take you to Bangalore.



Everybody doesn't like eating mangoes.
 Mohan didn't eat your share of apples.
 We won't give you something to drink.
 They won't take you to Bangalore.

5. Nobody can give you rupees forty thousand.
6. You have stolen my book.
7. Hari lives somewhere near the park.
8. Rekha gave her something very expensive.
9. He can reply to your question.
10. We see plants everywhere, here.

*Anybody cannot give you rupees 40,000
You have not stolen my book*

B Make affirmative sentences out of the following negative sentences:



1. The workers did not work honestly.
2. Nobody was present in the factory today.
3. Radha eats nothing on Friday.
4. I do not agree to what you say.
5. Radha will not take you to school tomorrow.
6. Ravi did not give back my money.
7. We do not speak French.
8. Nobody moved in the crowd.
9. They do not eat banana.
10. I have no money with me today.

*The workers work honestly.
Somebody was present in the factory today.
Radha eats something on Friday
I agree to what you say.
Radha will take you to school tomorrow.
Ravi gave back my money*

C Change the following sentences into negative:



1. Send your application for leave.
2. Open all the windows please.
3. Move fast to catch the train.
4. Meet your colleagues.
5. Call her in your office
6. She has gone home.
7. We are learning Chinese.
8. We will go tomorrow.
9. He has been sleeping for two hours.
10. He was dancing for hours.

*Don't send your application for leave.
Don't open all the windows please
Don't move fast to catch the train
Don't meet your colleagues.
Don't call her in your office
She has not gone home.*

D. Change the following affirmative sentences into negative:



1. Everybody likes him.
2. Radha ate your share of mangoes.
3. I shall give you something to eat.
4. He will take you to Delhi.
5. Anybody can give you rupees fifty.
6. Someone stole my pen.
7. Bhavani lives somewhere near the temple.
8. Nisha gave her something very costly.

Nobody likes him.
Radha ~~did not~~ eat your share of mangoes.
I shall ~~not~~ give you anything to eat.
He won't take you to Delhi.
Nobody can give you rupees fifty.

E. Make affirmative sentences out of the following negative sentences:



1. The labourers did not work hard.
2. Nobody was there in the house.
3. Divya eats nothing on Mondays.
4. I do not agree to what he says.
5. Priya will not take you to park tomorrow.
6. Jeevan did not give me anything.
7. She does not speak Hindi.
8. Nobody moved in the crowd.

The labourers worked hard.
Somebody was there in the house.
Divya eats something on Monday.
I agree to what he says.

F. Change the following sentences into negative:



1. Write an application for leave.
2. Shut the door please.
3. Run to catch the bus.
4. Meet your friends.
5. Call him.
6. He has come home.

Don't write an application for leave.
Don't shut the door please.
Don't run to catch the bus.