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NEGATIVE SENTENCES

A negative sentence is a sentence that states that something is in the **false**. A negative sentence usually use a helping verb + not and the main verb.

Some helping verbs are is, do, does, did, was, were, can, has, have, and had.

Most times we use “do” and “does” to help make a negative sentence.

Remember:

I /you/ we /they do

he/ she /it does

We can change an affirmative sentence into a negative sentence.

Example:

Affirmative sentence: John got all his sums right.

Negative sentence: John did **not** get all his sums right.

Sometimes a contraction of the **auxiliary verb** and **not** is used in informal speech.

John **didn't** get all his sums right.

EXERCISE

1. Change these sentences into negative sentences. You may need to change the wording a little to do so. The first is done for you.

John likes chocolate.

It is true!

Mary plays the piano.

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The monkey picked up the banana.

Havana is in Jamaica.

Gary can ride his bike very well.

Wear your best clothes to the party.

The weather was very warm.

2. Match the contraction with the phrase..

SORT ELEMENTS

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| ☐ We are | ☐ They are | ☐ He is |
| ☐ You are | ☐ I am | ☐ She is |

I'm	
You're	
He's	
She's	
We're	
They're	

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3. Write the following sentences in informal negative sentences. The first is done for you.

He is not sorry. **He isn't sorry.**

She thinks she cannot draw.

I do not know where Anna is right now.

The huge beast did not come out of the cave.

I do not have a scruffy handwriting.

It is not cold today.

My teacher is not patient.

She does not like to cook.

It was not her.

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4. When two forms of negation are used in a sentence, this is referred to as double negative. Using two negative usually turn the thought or sentence in the positive. Double negatives are discouraged. These sentences contain double negative. Retype them so they are correctly stated. The first is done for you.

Example:

He don't know nothing. **He doesn't know anything. -OR- He knows nothing.**

I haven't done nothing wrong.

I don't want no trouble.

They weren't going swimming again.

The children did not take no notice.

He couldn't find his sister nowhere.

I haven't got no money.
