Negative Sentences



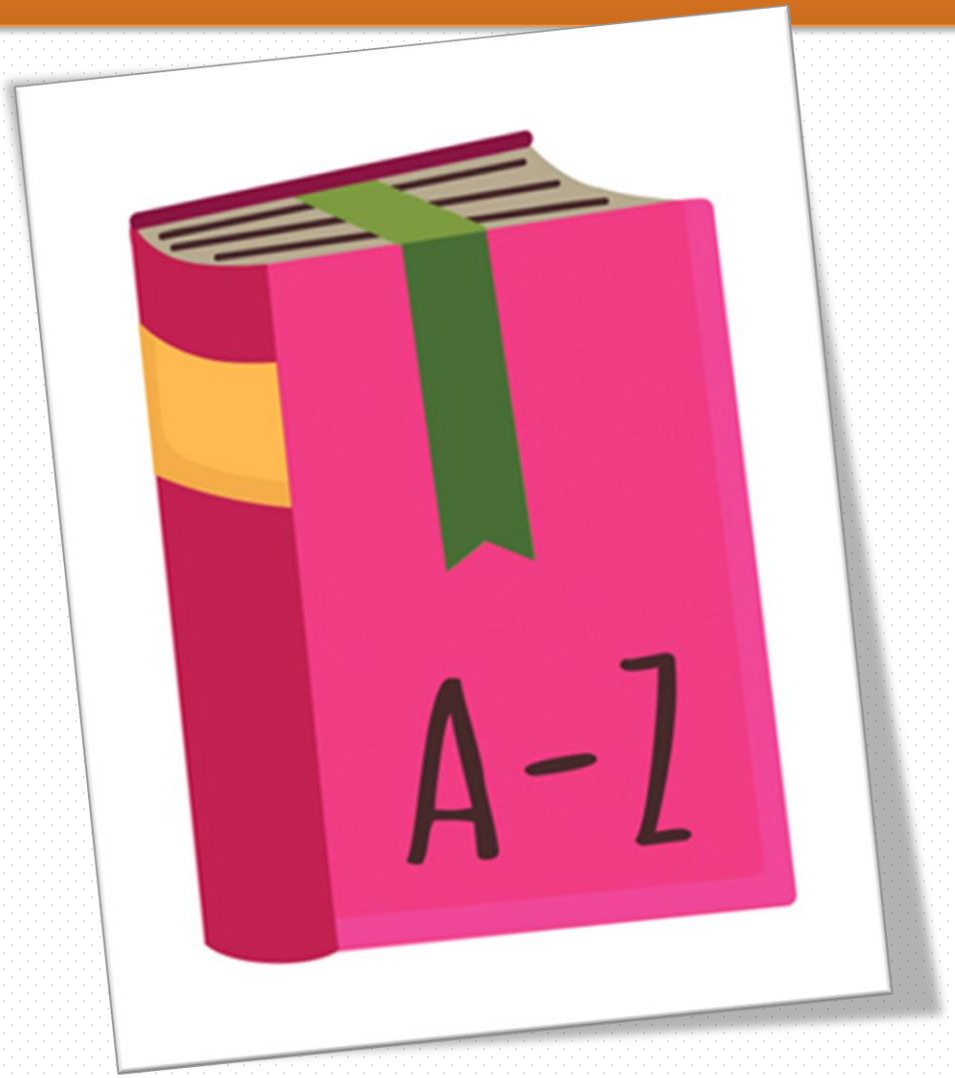
Affirmative and Negative Sentences

- **Affirmative Sentences use:**

am, is, are, do, does, did, have, has

- **Negative Sentences Use:**

not, never, isn’t, can’t, won’t, am not, aren’t

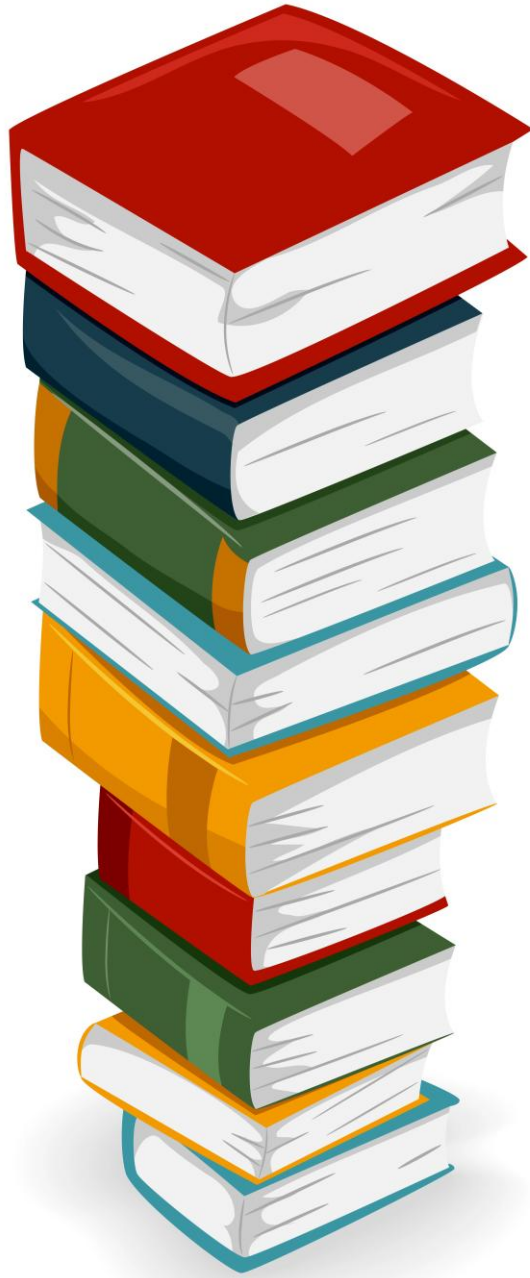


Opposite Sentences

Study these pairs of sentences:

a. I don’t like coffee.	a. I like coffee.
b. It will not rain.	b. It will rain.
c. It never rains in Sahara.	c. It rains in Sahara.
d. The wrestler will not give up easily.	d. The wrestler will give up easily.

Notice that all the sentences on the LEFT are opposites of the ones on the RIGHT. They use not /never.



Things to Remember!

- A negative sentence says the opposite of what a positive sentence means.
- They never agree with each other!
- All the verbs will have the negative form.
- When you convert an affirmative to negative, the tense remains the same.
- An action verb may need the help of a negative auxiliary verb to make a sentence negative.
- The negative sentence generally uses not or never to change from affirmative to negative.





Let's Revise



Read the following pairs of sentences.

- I am going to London.
- I am not going to London.

- Suraj returned from Moscow.
- Suraj did not return from Moscow.

- The children have been told about the test.
- The children have not been told about the test.

Try and Learn

Change these into negative sentences.



1. This is the tallest building here.
2. There are many mangoes left for you.
3. We will buy some ice-cream now.
4. The hotel opens at 10 p.m.
5. There are many rooms available in Hotel Grand.
6. We are going to Munnar hill station in Kerala.
7. Radha saw the puppy that lives near the park yesterday.
8. Naina and I will go to the theatre on Friday.