Transformation of Sentences



Affirmative or Negative

- **Affirmative**

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

- **Negative**

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.	b. I like coffee.
a. It will not rain.	b. It will rain.
a. It never rains in Sahara.	b. It rains in Sahara.
a. The wrestler will not give up easily.	b. The wrestler will give up easily.

Notice that all the sentences in the LEFT column are opposites to the ones in the RIGHT column. They use *not /never*.

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.



Say whether the sentences are affirmative or negative.

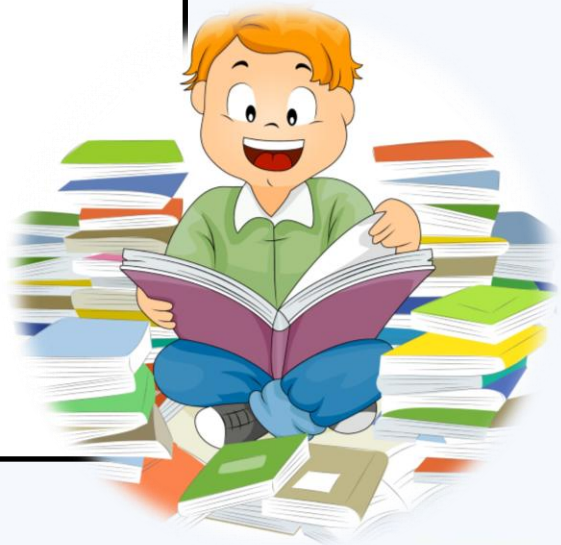
- This is the tallest building here.
- There aren’t any more mangoes left for you.
- We will buy some ice-cream now.
- The hotel doesn’t close at 10 p.m.
- There are no rooms available in Hotel Grand.
- We are going to Munnar in Kerala.



Your Turn to Try

Change the following sentences to affirmative.

1. The floods haven’t receded.
2. The lakes will not fill up this monsoon.
3. The people don’t understand what is climate change.
4. The children haven’t understood the sums.
5. The invisible man didn’t become visible.
6. We can’t come to the movie today.



Assertive or Interrogative

Assertive
He can speak to the Chief Minister.
Interrogative
Can he speak to the Chief Minister?

Assertive
We shall visit the old lady tomorrow.
Interrogative
Shall we visit the old lady tomorrow?



REMEMBER

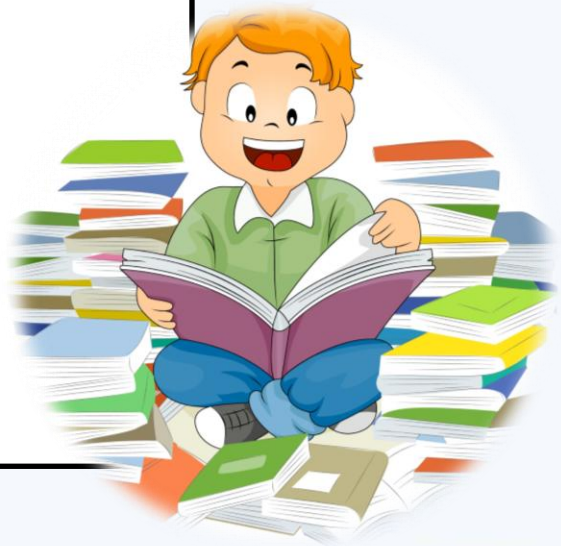
- To change assertive sentences to negative sentences, a question is put.
- The question is put to either get information or the answer suggested by the statement.
- Questions which imply the corresponding answer are called rhetorical questions.
- When the question is negative, the assertive sentence is affirmative.
- When the question is affirmative, the assertive sentence is negative.



Practice Time!

Change the following sentences to interrogatory.

1. This patient is recovering fast.
2. Studying for the English exam is more important than studying for the Math exam.
3. He does not have many friends.
4. My father did not like the movie.
5. We did not take the right decision.



Assertive or Exclamatory

- **Assertive**

The children gave an amazing performance.

- **Exclamatory**

What an amazing performance the children gave!



- **Assertive**

It was a pleasant surprise.

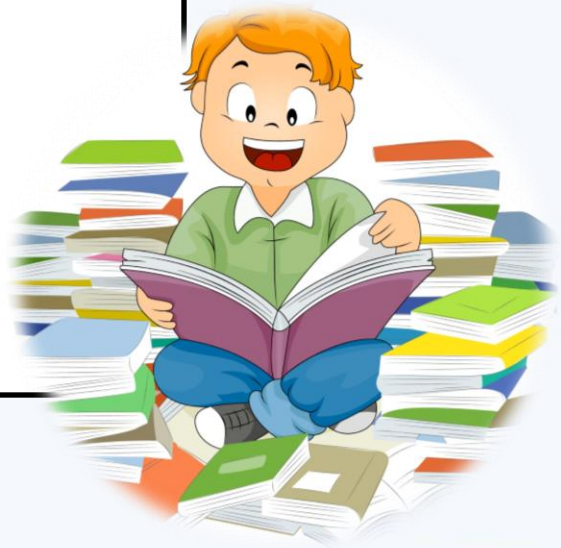
- **Exclamatory**
  What a pleasant surprise it was!

While changing exclamatory sentences to assertive, we remove words such as oh, what, how. We use suitable words to denote the emotions suggested by the exclamatory sentences.

Your Turn to Try

Change the following sentences to assertive.

1. How I wish I had a dog!
2. What a great decision our principal took!
3. If only I could meet Barrack Obama!
4. What beautiful eyes does Mariah have!
5. Yippee! We're going to Disneyland!



Interchanging Degrees of Comparison

Read the following sentences:

Superlative:
Dheeraj is the best speaker of our batch.

Positive:
No other speaker in our batch is as good as Dheeraj.

Comparative:
Dheeraj is a better speaker than all the other speakers in our batch.



Your Turn to Try

Change the following sentences as indicated.

1. Deepak is one of the most generous boys I know. (change to comparative)
2. Very few animals are as graceful as the cat. (change to superlative)
3. Abhay is faster than all the other players in his team. (change to positive)
4. Very few cities in India are as populated as Mumbai. (change to superlative)

