

ENGLISH GRAMMAR
CLASS- IV
LESSON 3- NEGATIVE SENTENCES

A Read the sentences below

	AFFIRMATIVE SENTENCES	NEGATIVE SENTENCES
1	She is a singer.	She is not a singer.
2	They are good players.	They are not good players.
3	I am an expert driver.	I am not an expert driver.
4	He was present there.	He was not present there.
5	They were students.	They were not students.

- The sentences on the left hand side are **AFFIRMATIVE SENTENCES**.
- The sentences on the right hand side are **NEGATIVE SENTENCES** because they have the word **'not'** in them.
- Negative sentences express a refusal or denial.

B Read the following sentences

	AFFIRMATIVE SENTENCES	NEGATIVE SENTENCES
1	The gardener is watering plants.	The gardener is not watering plants.
2	The cows are grazing .	The cows are not grazing .
3	The baby is crying .	The baby is not crying .
4	She was going home.	She was not going home.

- The negative sentences in present continuous tense or past continuous tense is formed
With:
Am / is / are + ing form of verb
Was / were + ing form of verb

C Read the following sentences

	AFFIRMATIVE SENTENCES	NEGATIVE SENTENCES
1	I eat an apple every day.	I do not eat an apple every day.
2	She cleans her room every day.	She does not clean her room.
3	She plays the piano skillfully.	She does not play the piano skillfully.
4	Mohit arrived very late.	Mohit did not arrive very late.

- The negative sentences in present simple or past simple tense is formed with
Do / does + not + verb (simple present)
Did + not + verb (simple past)

D Read the following sentences

AFFIRMATIVE SENTENCES

NEGATIVE SENTENCES

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| 1 | I have a computer. | I have no computer. |
| 2 | He has a sister. | He has no sister. |
| 3 | They had a camera. | They had no camera. |

- Sentences containing **have / has / had** show possession.
- The negative sentence is formed with: **have / has/ had + no**

NEGATIVE CONTRACTIONS

FULL FORM	SHORT FORM	FULL FORM	SHORT FORM
Am not	amn't	does not	doesn't
Is not	isn't	did not	didn't
Are not	aren't	will not	won't
Was not	wasn't	would not	wouldn't
Were not	weren't	shall not	shan't
Have not	haven't	should not	shouldn't
Has not	hasn't	cannot	can't
Had not	hadn't	could not	couldn't
Do not	don't	must not	mustn't

EXERCISES

A Write the contracted forms of words in brackets

- 1 I (**do not**) _____ like coffee.
- 2 We (**did not**) _____ go there.
- 3 She (**does not**) _____ watch television.
- 4 Their behaviour (**was not**) _____ good.
- 5 They (**were not**) _____ present in the meeting.
- 6 He (**cannot**) _____ solve this sum.
- 7 She (**will not**) _____ sing a song.
- 8 you (**should not**) _____ misbehave with her.
- 9 We (**shall not**) _____ participate in the drama.
- 10 We (**must not**) _____ disobey the laws.

B Change the following into negative sentences

- 1 She is a nurse. _____
- 2 They are friends. _____
- 3 He was in the office. _____

- 4 We were neighbours. _____
- 5 You can go now. _____
- 6 It may rain today. _____
- 7 He tells a lie. _____
- 8 They speak Russian fluently. _____
- 9 They talk to one another. _____
- 10 The bus arrived very late. _____
- 11 They waited for us. _____
- 12 He is driving a car. _____
- 13 The carpenter was making furniture. _____
- 14 She is knitting a sweater. _____
- 15 Farmers are ploughing the field. _____

C Read the following sentences and write whether they are affirmative or negative.

- 1 He is not doing his homework. _____
- 2 We had old furniture. _____
- 3 I have no mobile phone. _____
- 4 They are my friends. _____
- 5 She has two brothers. _____
- 6 Dinner is ready. _____
- 7 She will not read the story. _____
- 8 Neha is a pretty girl. _____
- 9 He did not do his homework. _____
- 10 Children are making a noise. _____