

Unit 5: NEGATIVE SENTENCES

We put **not** after the first word of the verb. In speaking, we often use the short form (**n't**).

With the verb be

I **am not** a thief.
They **aren't** coming.
It **wasn't** very cold there.
He **is not** a teacher.

With one-word verb formations

Put the correct form of the verb **do** (Unit 15) before **not**.

AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE
He works on Fridays.	He does not work on Saturdays.
These shops sell food.	They do not sell food.
They arrived by bus.	They didn't arrive by train.

With other verb formations

I **haven't seen** him for five years.
Our team **has not been beaten** this season.
He **wouldn't have gone** if he had known.
They **aren't doing** math this term.

Word agreement

Look at the different words in **AFFIRMATIVE** and **NEGATIVE** sentences.

AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE
John is going somewhere but	Maria isn't going anywhere .
John has got some money but	Maria hasn't got any money.
They have got a lot of money but	we haven't got much money.
I've got a lot of friends but	he hasn't got many friends.
John and Maria have already left but	we haven't left yet .
John is leaving too and	Maria isn't staying either .