

Practise and consolidate your learning about negation by completing our activities. Remember you can refer to the study notes if you need help.

ACTIVITY 1

Choose the correct form of the verb from the box below to make the following sentences negative.

Example: The principal had given permission for Tom to re-enrol in the course.

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haven't	wasn't	weren't	doesn't	won't

Question 1:

John is worried about taking his driving test tomorrow.

Question 2:

It looks like it's going to rain.

Question 3:

I thought you'd be flying out tonight.

Question 4:

I think you should go to the party.

Question 5:

Have you met them before?

Question 6:

Michael was told he had passed all his subjects.

Question 7:

I will be attending the school's information day today.

Question 8:

Counselling services were available during the holidays.

Question 9:

Are you busy?

Question 10:

Jason has worked for that IT company.

ACTIVITY 2

Various negative forms and meanings are used in this gap-fill. Complete the paragraph by writing in the correct negative word from the list provided.

didn't	decline	very	the least bit	irresponsible
no	rather	don't	unpleasant	unfortunately

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ACTIVITY 3

Match the question or statement with an appropriate negative answer.

1. I'm not going to the party tonight.	We may never know.
2. Aren't you going home?	Nowhere. He stayed home.
3. Which dress is better – the red or blue?	Nothing at all.
4. Who donated the goods?	No, not yet. I still have some work to finish.
5. Were there any apples left?	Neither, I'm afraid.
6. Who failed the test?	Neither am I.
7. How many died in the tsunami?	Seldom.
8. How much did they spend?	None whatsoever. They were all gone.
9. Where did John go for his holiday?	I don't know. There was no name on the box.
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note: looks becomes look

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