

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 pharmacist.
They **aren't** coming.
It **wasn't** very cold there.
He **is not** a surgeon.

With one-word verb formations

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

AFFIRMATIVE

He **works** on Fridays.
These shops **sell** health food.
They **worked** in a nursing home.

NEGATIVE

He **does not work** on Saturdays.
They **do not sell** health food.
They **didn't work** in a hospital.

With other verb formations

I **haven't seen** a dentist in five years.
Our crew **has not been late** this year.
He **wouldn't have gone** if he had known.
They **aren't doing** biology this term.

Word agreement

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

AFFIRMATIVE

John is going **somewhere** but
John has got **some** money but
They have got **a lot of** money but
I've got **a lot of** friends but
John and Maria have **already** left but
John is leaving **too** and

NEGATIVE

Maria isn't going **anywhere**.
Maria hasn't got **any** money.
we haven't got **much** money.
he hasn't got **many** friends.
we haven't left **yet**.
Maria isn't staying **either**.