

## NEGATIVES

**Negative phrases** in French are always formed using the word “**ne**”. Look up this word in your *Chambers Harrap’s French School Dictionary* for more information and examples.

Use your *Chambers Harrap’s French School Dictionary* to help with the following exercise.

Match the French negative to its English equivalent.

ne ..... pas	nobody
ne ..... jamais	no longer
ne ..... plus	never
ne ..... personne	not
ne ..... rien	nothing

*Note: A hand-drawn arrow points from the box 'ne ..... pas' to the box 'not'.*

Now look at the following sentences.

- Il n’**a** rien mangé de la journée.
- Elle ne **fume** plus.
- Ma mère n’**est** jamais allée en Espagne
- Je n’**aime** pas les maths.
- Je ne **vois** personne.



Look at the words in bold and underlined. What type of words are these?

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**Rule:** To form a negative in French you need two words: \_\_\_\_\_ goes in front of the verb or auxiliary (part of être or avoir) and \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ goes after the verb or auxiliary. the adjective.



Watch out for the **ne ..... personne** construction. In more complex sentences it does not follow the above rule, eg. *je n’ai vu personne* = I saw nobody.

## DICTIONARY WORKSHEET 4

Use your *Chambers Harrap's French School Dictionary* to help with the following exercises.

Rewrite the following sentences using the negative phrase given in brackets.

- *La chambre est grande. (ne..... pas)*
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- *Mon frère a deux ans. (ne.....que)*
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- *J'ai dansé à la fête. (ne.....pas)*
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- *La lampe marche. (ne.....plus)*
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- *Elle est allée en Grèce. (ne.....jamais)*
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The next few sentences are a little more difficult: you will have to change them slightly to form the negative.

- *On a préparé une fête pour l'anniversaire de Jean-Pierre . (ne.....rien)*
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- *Il connaît beaucoup de gens à Lyon. (ne..... personne)*
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- *J'ai visité Paris deux fois. (ne .....jamais)*
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- *Il fait beaucoup de sport. (ne.....plus)*
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The following sentences have been jumbled up. Re-write them in the correct order.

1. ma / sœur / jamais / retard / et / ne / moi / sommes / en.

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2. allé / on / leur / pas / est / à / soirée / n'.

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3. ne / mangez / de / vous / sucreries / plus.

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4. boit / ne / il / boissons / de / plus / gazeuses.

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5. je / le / rien / n' / dernier / ai / fait / week-end.

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6. cinéma / n' / copines / aller / aiment / au / pas / mes.

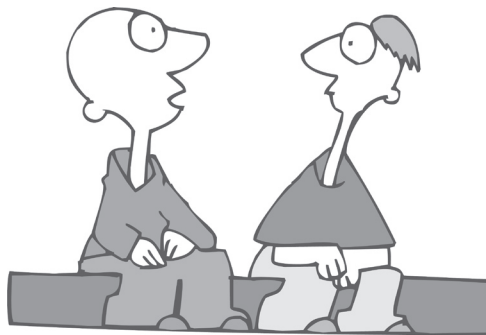
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7. mon / minutes / chez / n' / qu'à / de / 5 / est / moi / école.

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8. personne / la / je / fête / connaissais / ne / à.

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Optional: using your dictionary as necessary, translate the above sentences into English.

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