

Topic: Positive and Negative Sentences

A **positive sentence** tells you that something is so.

A **negative sentence** tells you something is not so. It contains a negative word like not, never, no, no one, nobody, none, or a negative verb like isn't or can't or won't.

<u>Positive Sentences</u>	<u>Negative Sentences</u>
Peter is running. We should tell the truth. Everyone is in the garden. It is very cloudy.	He is not walking. We should never tell lies. There is no one in the house. There is nothing in it.
Characteristics of Positive Sentences: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A positive sentence usually contains a statement that is a fact.2. This sentence also tells that something is so.3. The words 'no' either 'not' do not exist in a positive sentence.	

Double Negatives

Double negatives are two negative words used in the same sentence.

You must avoid using double negatives. Double negatives are generally discouraged in English because they are considered to be poor grammar and they can be confusing.

In Standard English, each subject-predicate construction should only have one negative form.

Sometimes there are negative forms of nouns such as “nowhere”, “nothing”, and “no one” that are used. If these nouns are in a sentence, it is important that the verb in the sentence is not negated. Let's look at these sentences below.

Incorrect: “He is **not** going **nowhere**”.

Correct: “He is going nowhere”.

Incorrect: “I opened the door, but I **couldn't** see **nobody**”.

Correct: “I opened the door, but I **could** see **nobody**”.

Incorrect: “**Nothing doesn't** worry him”.

Correct: “**Nothing worries** him”.

Incorrect: “I **don't** know **nobody** who is coming to the party”.

Correct: “I know nobody who is coming to the party”. Or “I don't know anybody who is coming to the party”.