University of Larbi Ben Mhidi – OEB

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Level Grade: Master One – Two

Module: English as a Foreign Language

Forming Negatives

1- Negative imperative:

In English, we use the imperative to give orders, instructions, directions, and advice.

Affirmative imperative	Negative imperative
(**verb stem**+ the rest of the sentence)	(**do not**+ verb stem+ the rest of the sentence)
Hurry up before it's too late **Turn** left **Close** the door	**Do not** go to work today **Don't** be late **Don't** jump in the pool

2- Simple present in the negative form:

In the English language, there are 3 main auxiliary verbs or helping verbs namely: to be, to do, and to have.

pronouns	To be		To do		To have	
I	am	am not	do	do not	Have	Have not
You	are	are not	do	do not	Have	Have not
We	are	are not	do	do not	Have	Have not
They	are	are not	do	do not	Have	Have not
She	is	is not	does	does not	Has	Has not
He	is	is not	does	does not	Has	Has not
It	is	is not	does	does not	has	Has not

Rule 1:

When the auxiliary verb **tobe** is **the main verb** of the sentence, I add **not** after it

I **am** from London ------ I **am not** from London

You **are** talkative ------- you **are not** talkative

She **is** smart ------- she **is not** smart

Rule 2:

When the **main verb** of the sentence is **any other verb** like: to read, to write, to go, to play, to speak, to drink, to live…. , you have to put **don't or doesn't**+ verb stem.

I like coffee------ I don't like coffee

They speak English very well------ They don't speak English very well

She eats vegetables------ she doesn't eat vegetables

Mr Clark gives us a lot of homework------ Mr Clark doesn't give …..

He watches TV----- he doesn't watch TV

We do the laundry------ we don't do the laundry

You have a car ------ we don't have a car

It has a fin ------ it doesn't have a fin

3- Simple past in the negative form:

pronouns	To be		To do		To have	
I	was	was not	did	did not	had	had not
You	were	were not	did	did not	had	had not
We	were	were not	did	did not	had	had not
They	were	were not	did	did not	had	had not
She	was	was not	did	did not	had	had not
He	was	was not	did	did not	had	had not
It	was	was not	did	did not	had	had not

Rule 1:

When **to be** is the main verb (was/ were + not)

I **was** absent ------ I **was not** absent

Rule 2:

1. **Regular verbs:** (verb+ ed)
   I played tennis------ I didn't play tennis
2. **Irregular verbs: (should be learnt)** **يحفظ**
   I **went** to school-----I **didn't go** to school
   I **had** a toothache----- I **didn't have** toothache
   She **did** the dishes----- she didn't **do** the dishes
   You **gave** her a book----- you **didn't give** her a book

Some irregular verbs:

Infinitive	Simple past
To eat يأكل	ate
To get يحصل	got
To Keep يحفظ	kept
To Make يصنع	made
To send يرسل	sent
To take يأخذ	took
To teach يدرس	taught