

English Vocabulary: 'no', 'not', 'non-' (PT: *não*)

1) no

a) Response (opposite of 'yes')

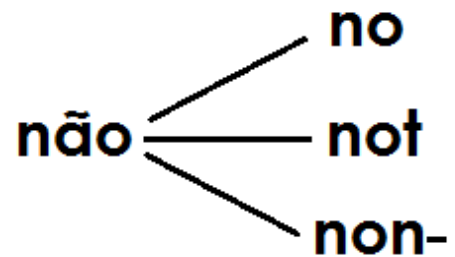
- Would you like some cake? **No**, thanks.
- Do you like sushi? **No**, I don't.

b) Zero quantity (no + noun)

- I have many books. Peter has **no** books.
- I have two cars. Peter has **no** cars.
- I have a lot of money. Peter has **no** money.
- Please put **no** posters on the classroom walls.

c) Prohibition (no + noun)

- There is **no** smoking here.
- **No** entry!
- **No** running in the corridors.
- Sssh! **No** talking!



2) not / n't

a) Negative phrases

- I'm **not** French.
- Cigarettes aren't healthy.
- Peter doesn't have a car.
- We don't go to the cinema.

b) Prohibition (do not / don't + verb)

- Please don't smoke here.
- Do **not** enter.
- Don't run in the corridors.
- Don't talk loudly.



3) non-

Opposites

- (*Restaurant*) Good evening sir. Smoking or **non-smoking**?
- I always use **non-stick** pans.
- He is a **non-believer**. He is an atheist.
- We prefer **non-stop** flights. (*non-stop = direct*)



More examples of “no”:

No students arrived yesterday.

I have **no** free time on Mondays.

No idea!

No doubt. (*"Sem dúvida."*)

No way! (*"De jeito nenhum!"*)



More examples of “not/n’t”:

I am free today, but I'm **not** free tomorrow.
(or: I am free today, but **not** tomorrow.)

Cats are independent, but dogs are **not**.
Cats are independent, but **not** dogs.

I haven't seen John recently.

I didn't see John yesterday.

I can't play guitar.

A: You must **not** speak loudly.

B: Why **not**?

A: Because it isn't permitted – this is a library!



Exercise 1. Complete with *no*, *not*, *don't*, *doesn't* or *non-*.

1. a) I like meat, but I _____ like fish.
b) I like meat, but _____ fish.
2. She was _____ happy when he arrived late.
3. OMG! I have _____ money in my bank account!
4. They repaired the door but _____ very well.
5. He hates sports. He is totally _____ competitive.
6. Hurry, hurry! We have _____ time to lose!
7. I will go to the party, but _____ yet.
8. She is a _____ drinker. She is very religious.
9. My brother did _____ help me yesterday. He is so lazy!
10. a) *Sign on a door:* " _____ SMOKING"
b) *Sign on a door:* "PLEASE DO _____ SMOKE"
11. a) I have _____ children.
b) I _____ have children.
12. A: "Do you smoke?" B: " _____ ." (3 words)
13. A: "Do you smoke?" B: "Yes, but _____ when I'm working."
14. It's OK – you can take this drug – it's a _____ addictive drug.
15. A: "Does he like music?" B: "Yes, but he _____ like rap music!"
16. a) A: "Do you have any money?" B: "Yes, but I _____ have much."
b) A: "Do you have any money?" B: "Yes, but _____ much."
c) A: "Do you have any money?" B: "Sorry, I have _____ money."

Exercise 2. Write the following in an alternative way.

Example: "Do not run" → "No running"

1. No Entry _____
2. No Smoking _____
3. No Parking _____
4. Do not walk here _____
5. Do not drink on the bus _____
6. Do not speak loudly _____