**SAYING “NO” IN ENGLISH  
AUXILIARY NEGATION**

“Auxiliaries” are helping verbs 🡪 Today we will talk about BE and DO.

The typical way to say “no” in English is with NOT. We put NOT after the verb to make it negative.

**NEGATION WITH ‘BE’**

For example, with BE, *“Sara is a teacher.” 🡪 “Sara is NOT a teacher.”*

*“I am a mechanic.” 🡪 “I am NOT a mechanic.”*

ONE: PRACTICE with BE + NOT

1. Celia is a teacher. 🡪 Celia is \_\_\_ a teacher. Celia is a stay-at-home mom.
2. Patrick is a cook. 🡪 Patrick is \_\_\_ a cook.
3. Riley is a nurse. 🡪 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. You are a cashier. 🡪 You are \_\_\_ a cashier.
5. We are janitors. 🡪 We are \_\_\_ janitors.
6. We are servers. 🡪 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

TWO: MORE PRACTICE with BE + NOT

Describe the picture.

For example,

(administrative assistant, medical assistant)

She is an administrative assistant. She is not a medical assistant.

 

(construction workers, mechanics) (police officer, nurse)

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THREE: DESCRIBE YOURSELF

Make a sentence about YOU. What is your job? What is NOT your job?

For example: *I am a bartender. I am not a lawyer.*

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**NEGATION WITH ‘DO’**

If we do not have BE, we use DO.

For example, “She is a police officer.” 🡪 “She is not a police officer.”

“She works at a school.” 🡪 “She does not work at a school.”

When there is no BE, we have to add DO. Remember, these verbs are “auxiliaries”. They ‘help’ the sentence!

FOUR: PRACTICE with DO + NOT

1. Henry works at home. 🡪 Henry does \_\_\_ work at home.
2. Patrick works at a restaurant. 🡪 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Riley works at a hospital. 🡪 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. You work at a store. 🡪 You do \_\_\_ work at a store.
5. We work at a school. 🡪 We do \_\_\_ work at a school.
6. We work at a restaurant. 🡪 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

FIVE: MORE PRACTICE

1. I make $15 an hour. 🡪 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. You help at a school. 🡪 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Jacob has two jobs. 🡪 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Maria works nights. 🡪 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. They build houses. 🡪 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

SIX: DESCRIBE THE PICTURE

Make sentences to describe her job. Be creative!

For example, *“She works at an office. She does not work at a store. She works at 9 a.m. She does not work on Saturday. She has one job. She makes $16 an hour. She does not make $40 an hour.*



Fill in the blanks.

He builds 21.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He does 22.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ build cars. He works outside. He does 23.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ work inside. He works at 24.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a.m. He 25.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 26.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ work on Sunday. He 27.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ one job. He 28.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 29.$\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ an hour. He 30.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ not make $8 an hour.



Describe her job, money, and hours.

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SEVEN: DO + BE COMBINED

Translate the sentences to English.

Soy Oliver. No soy un mesero, soy un camionero. Trabajo con camiones. No trabajo con niños. No trabajo los domingos. Vivo en Washington. No vivo en Oregón.

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EIGHT: TELL US ABOUT YOUR JOB (If you do not work, tell us about your friend’s job).

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