

You mustn't take so many clothes!

We both agreed not to pack much.

You don't have to bring the diving gear.

I haven't packed much.

Me neither.



Don't forget your passport!

Let's not take any sun screen. We can buy some there.

I don't think it's a good idea to change money at the airport.

Do you think it's going to be very hot?

I hope so!

Presentation

Negative statements with *think, believe, suppose, imagine* and *want*:

It's more common to make the first verb in the sentence negative, not the second: *I **don't think** it's a good idea.*

Negative forms of *have to* and *must*:

Have to and *must* have a similar meaning in positive sentences. However, *mustn't* and *not have to* have completely different meanings.

You **mustn't** take so many clothes. (= Don't do it!)

You **don't have to** take any sun screen. (= You can if you want, but it isn't necessary.)

Negative short answers with *hope, expect, believe, guess, suppose* and *be afraid*:

Add *not* after the verb:

'Is it going to be very cold?' *I **hope not**.*

The affirmative equivalent is *so*, e.g. *I'm afraid so*.

Negative imperatives:

Use *don't* to make an imperative negative. It is the same for one person or more than one: **Don't forget your passport.**

Negative infinitive:

Add *not* before *to* to make an infinitive with *to* negative: *We both agreed **not to** pack much.*

Negative suggestions:

Use *let's not* + infinitive to make a negative suggestion: **Let's not take any sun screen.**

Negative words: *neither, none, no, not ... either*

We use *no* directly before a plural or uncountable noun in a sentence with a positive verb: **There are no tourists at this time of year.**

We can't use *no* if there is an article or possessive adjective before the noun. Use *none of* instead: **None of the hotels had empty rooms.**

None is a pronoun. We use it in place of a noun to say 'not one' or 'not any': *There were six hotels when I was a child. There are **none** now.*

We use *neither* + auxiliary verb + pronoun to agree with a negative statement. It means 'also not'.

'I don't like hot weather.' 'Neither do I.'

The affirmative equivalent is *so* (So do I).

We can also use pronoun + *neither* with the same meaning.

'I don't like this place.' 'Me neither.'

The affirmative equivalent is *too* (Me too).

We also use *not ... either* with the same meaning.

'I don't feel like going out.' 'I don't either.'

Exercises

1 Complete the sentences with the words.

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| <p>1 I don't <u>imagine</u> that we'll hear from them again.</p> <p>2 You _____ take liquids on the plane. It's against the law.</p> <p>3 A: Is Geoff coming too?
B: I _____ not! We don't get on.</p> <p>4 Don't _____ to call me when you get there so I know you arrived safely.</p> | <p>5 They _____ not to go by train. They hired a car instead.</p> <p>6 Let's _____ stay out so late tonight. I'm tired.</p> <p>7 _____ us like holidays on hot beaches.</p> <p>8 A: I like this country but the food is very hot. I can't eat it.
B: _____ can I.</p> |
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2 Choose the correct options.

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| <p>1 This place used to be famous for its hotels. But now there are <i>no / none</i> left.</p> <p>2 A: I really don't like the way people speak to you in this hotel.
B: <i>Me neither. / Me either.</i></p> <p>3 A: Is there a bank near here? I need to change some money.
B: I'm afraid <i>not / so</i>.</p> | <p>4 I <i>suppose / don't suppose</i> it's a good idea to stay up late because our flight leaves very early.</p> <p>5 A: We don't want to go away this year on holiday.
B: We don't <i>either / neither</i>.</p> <p>6 We planned <i>to spend / not to spend</i> too much time on buses, but we did.</p> |
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3 Complete the second sentence so it has the same meaning as the first.

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| <p>1 I think it's a bad idea.
don't I _____ it's a good idea.</p> <p>2 It's against the rules to carry over 25kg on the plane.
mustn't You _____ over 25kg on the plane.</p> <p>3 You can bring diving gear but you won't need it.
have to You _____ diving gear.</p> <p>4 Remember to check in 24 hours before your flight.
forget _____ 24 hours before your flight.</p> <p>5 We all said that we didn't want to meet at the same restaurant as last time.
agreed not We _____ at the same restaurant as last time.</p> <p>6 I don't think we should go back to the city.
let's _____ to the city.</p> <p>7 Me neither.
do Neither _____.</p> <p>8 In my opinion the answer is wrong.
believe _____ the answer is right.</p> |
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4 Imagine you are planning a holiday with some friends. Complete these sentences about your plans.

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| <p>1 Me and my friends have agreed not to _____.</p> <p>2 None of my friends _____.</p> <p>3 I don't imagine _____.</p> <p>4 We hope not to _____.</p> |
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