



Negative Adverbs

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What is an adverb?

How many types of adverbs do we have?

Adverbs of Frequency

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Hardly
Rarely
Seldom
Barely ever
Hardly ever
No longer
Never

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No longer
Never

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I hardly dance

Subject + FA + main verb



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I never dance

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Hardly
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Never

*I have hardly ever
cooked*

Subject + auxiliary verb + FA + main
verb



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Subject + auxiliary verb + FA + main
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I am seldom upset

Subject + verb to be + FA + (main verb)



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Barely ever
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No longer
Never

I am never singing

Subject + verb to be + FA + (main verb)



Adverbs of Place

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Nowhere

*They are going
nowhere*

Subject + verb + PA



Adverbs of Place

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Nowhere

She is nowhere to be seen

Nowhere + to + infinitive



Adverbs of Place

Adverbs of Place

Nowhere

*We have nowhere to
go*

Nowhere + to + infinitive



Adverbs of Time

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No sooner

At no time

Not once

Not since

*We at no time liked
this idea*

Subject + TA + main verb



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Not once

Not since

*We were not once in
agreement*



Subject + verb to be + TA + main
verb

Adverbs of Time

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No sooner

At no time

Not once

Not since

*We had no sooner
started the film than
the electricity went
out.*



Adverbs of Degree

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Little
Barely
Scarcely

*At the time we little
knew we'd never
meet again*



Subject + DA + main verb

Adverbs of Degree

Adverbs of Degree

Little
Barely
Scarcely

*They have barely
finished the project*

Subject + auxiliary verb + TA + main
verb



Adverbs of Degree

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Little
Barely
Scarcely

*We are scarcely
working*

Subject + verb to be + TA + main
verb



Adverbs of Manner

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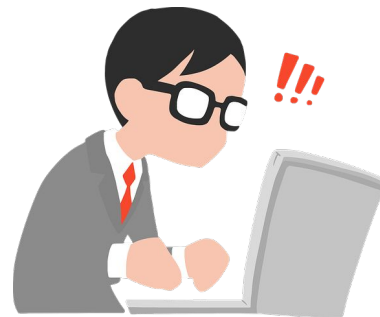
Under no circumstances

In no way

On no account

On no condition

*We under no
circumstances work
with you*



Subject + MA + main verb

Adverbs of Manner

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Under no circumstances

In no way

On no account

On no condition

*We have in no way
changed the plan*



Subject + auxiliary verb + MA + main
verb

Adverbs of Manner

Adverbs of Manner

Under no circumstances

In no way

On no account

On no condition

*We are on no
condition entering
the building*



Subject + verb to be + MA + main
verb

I have **hardly ever** cooked

We have **at no time** liked this
idea

We are **scarcely** working

We are **on no condition** entering
the building

I have **hardly ever** cooked



We have **at no time** liked this
idea



We are **scarcely** working



We are **on no condition** entering
the building



Hardly ever I have cooked



At no time we have liked this idea



Scarcely we are working



On no condition we are entering
the building



Hardly ever have I cooked

At no time have we liked this idea

Scarcely are we working

On no condition are we entering
the building

I **hardly** dance

She **never** dances

I **at no time** liked this idea

I **hardly** dance



She **never** dances



I **at no time** liked this idea



Hardly I dance

Never she dances

At no time I liked this idea

Hardly do I dance

Never does she dances

At no time did I like this idea

Only

Only

Only if
Only when
Only until
Only after

*I will only go to the shops if
you come with me*

Only

Only

Only if
Only when
Only until
Only after

*I will only watch the film
when you've tidied your
room*

Only

Only

Only if
Only when
Only until
Only after

I will only work until 4pm

Only

Only

Only if
Only when
Only until
Only after


*I will only help you after
you've tried yourself*


I will **only** go to the shops **if** you
come with me

I will **only** watch the film **when**
you've tidied your room

I will **only** go to the shops **if** you
come with me

I will **only** watch the film **when**
you've tidied your room

Only if you come with me, I will
go to the shops 

Only when you've tidied your
room, I will watch the film 

Only if you come with me, will I
go to the shops

Only when you've tidied your
room, will I watch the film

Negative Adverbs

What is the difference between **no**
and **not**?

No and Not

The most obvious difference between the two is the type of word that follows. No is followed by a noun whilst not is followed by any other phrase or clause.

There is no recipient in the email

No smoking in here

I'm not happy (+ adjective)

We're not walking (+ verb)

It's not often we travel (+ adverb)

It's not on the bed (+ preposition)

This is not the source (+ article)

No and Not

We must note that when an adjective is used prior to a noun, “no” can still be used.

There are no big lions at the zoo.

No and Not

There is only one exception to this rule. When we want to explain that something is incorrect, we use not + a/an/some + noun. This tends to be part of the negative verb before the noun. However, we only do this when the noun is gradable.

A potato is not a fruit

It is no secret that she is getting married.

We can also use no and not to respond to questions.

No and Not

Both no and not can be used to respond to a question. If the response is simple and opposite to “yes”, we use no.

Do you live here? No.

Be aware that if the question has a question word, you'll need to respond with a verb and not instead, which is often contracted.

Do you live here? I do not live here.

Do you live here? I don't live here.

No and Not

When the question requires a response with a mental process verb (afraid, hope, guess) we respond with not.

Will we see you tomorrow? I'm afraid not.

However, the mental process verb “to think” tends to use not instead.

Will we see you tomorrow? I do not think so.

No and Not

In some cases, we respond to a question with an adverb. If this is the case, not follows shortly after.

Will we see you tomorrow? Probably not

Other examples include *maybe not, definitely not, certainly not*.

No and Not

We can use “not” in the question itself too to provide an alternative answer. This is more informal and added last minute. The structure added will be “or not?”

Will we see you tomorrow or not?

Not is also used in other situations.

No and Not

When we want to express contrast between two verbs and want to avoid repeating the subject and auxiliary verb twice, we can use not to separate the two. *You can run but not hide.*

When we want to convert verb formations into their negative form, we also insert not. *They continued not working together, I expected him not to arrive earlier.*

Be aware that “not” is often contracted when used with verbs but all the “no” and “not” rules still apply.

No and Not

When converting an affirmative sentence into its negative form we tend to prefer using NOT ANY as opposed to NO. This is because it's more natural to say and understand and adds emphasis and focus to the verb, not the noun. Having said that both have exactly the same meaning.

There are no eggs in the fridge → There aren't any eggs in the fridge

No and not are also used in some fixed expressions.

No and Not

No problem!

Whether or not

No idea!

Not worth it

No chance!

No good!



There aren't no politicians in the
room

We cannot use double negatives in English. All negative adverbs, no and not require an affirmative verb and if we use a negative verb, all other parts of the sentence should be affirmative.



There aren't no politicians in the
room



There aren't any politicians in
the room





Hardly I do dance

When using inversion to add emphasis, remember to flip the verb and subject after the negative adverb.



Hardly I do dance



Hardly do I dance





He's working hardly today

Adverbs can be mixed up with their adjective or other form. “Hardly” is an adverb but not of manner, of frequency, so must follow the sentence position rules for adverbs of frequency.



He's working hardly today



He's working hard today

He's hardly working today





Practice 1

Correct these incorrect sentences.

There are no any problems here

There are no any problems here



There are not any problems
here

I can't barely hear myself think!

I can't barely hear myself think!



I can barely hear myself think!

Rarely I do go out with my friends

Rarely I do go out with my friends



Rarely do I go out with my
friends

I didn't do nothing wrong

I didn't do nothing wrong



I didn't do anything wrong

We have not business with this client
anymore

We have not business with this client
anymore



We have no business with this
client anymore

I will only tidy my room if give you me
back my phone

I will only tidy my room if give you me
back my phone



I will only tidy my room if you
give me back my phone

I can't find my phone, it's to be seen
nowhere

I can't find my phone, it's to be seen
nowhere



I can't find my phone, it's
nowhere to be seen



Practice 2

Make each sentence negative then invert the sentence.

Negative Adverbs

1. I break my ankle. (seldom)
2. She writes reports. (hardly ever)
3. I go to school. (never)
4. I have visited London. (hardly)
5. We have gone to the shops. (at no time)
6. They have lost the house keys (not once)
7. I watch TV. (no longer)
8. He is playing the trombone after giving up the piano. (no sooner)
9. We are working. (barely)
10. You can eat the pizza slices once you have finished your homework (only when)

Negative Adverbs

1. We want some English classes. (scarcely)
2. She will see us tomorrow. (under no circumstances)
3. They are going to watch the match later. (in no way)
4. I have heard the best orchestra in the world. (never)
5. She knows of the surprise. (little)
6. They told us about the pregnancy once we finished dinner. (only after)
7. They don't sell my favourite chocolate anywhere else. (nowhere)
8. She offered me a free ride home. (on no condition)
9. I have heard him speak many times. (never)
10. She is very happy. (seldom)

REVIEW

Either

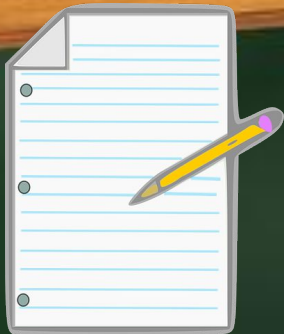
Both

Neither

All

Distributives

Negative Adverbs



HOMEWORK

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