

LA RENTREE

SUB-HEADING-NEGATION

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CHANGING YOUR TOMORROW

French NEGATION

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Les phrases négatives

A negative sentence (une phrase négative) allows us to negate a statement, express disagreement, make contradictions or deny the occurrence of an event or action. The most common negative construction in French is **ne + verb + pas**, although there are also other phrases we can use.

Il a mangé.

> Il **n'a pas** mangé.

Veux-tu sortir ?

> **Ne** veux-tu **pas** sortir ?

He's eaten.

> He hasn't eaten.

Do you want to go out?

> Don't you want to go out?

Before vowels (*a, e, i, o, u*) or a silent *h*, *ne* becomes *n'*. This is known as elision.

Example:

Il n'a pas vu le ballon.

Nous n'entendons rien ici!

N'habitue pas les enfants au sucre!

The Negative in French



J'aime les maths



Je **n'aime pas** les maths



Tu vas à l'école



Tu **ne va pas** à l'école



Nous parlons russe



Nous **ne parlons pas** russe



Vous avez faim



Vous **n'avez pas** faim

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