

No

- **No** answers a yes/no question: "No, the president wasn't surprised by the results of the election."
- **No** precedes a noun that has no article: The company had no rivals in the industry.
- **No** can be used before a noun that is preceded by an adjective without an article: Jim has no sensible argument with which to continue the discussion.
- No can be used in imperative sentences or phrase with verbal nouns ending in "ing". 'NO SMOKING'

Example Sentences with the word "no":

- My answer to your question is, "No".
- There are no restaurants in this small town.
- The manager had no good reason to support his request for a raise.
- No, I cannot come out and play.
- He had no idea where it came from.
- No running in the hall.

Not

- **Not** precedes a noun that has an article and follows the verb phrase: "The virus is not the source of the outbreak."
- **Not** makes a verb negative: "They do not want to proceed with the experimental study."
- **Not** is used before adverbs modifying verbs: "That's not hardly relative."
- **Not** precedes **any, much, many, or enough**: "Not many amateur astronomers can afford the equipment." "There is not much budget left for another trial."

Note: **No** and **not** are never used in the same sentence:

- The politician did not have no time left for in-depth research. (incorrect)
The politician had no time left for in-depth research. (correct)

When there is no auxiliary verb, the word “not” is used with the conjugated verb “do” preceding it.

- “I have eaten dinner.”, negates to “I have not eaten dinner.”, while “I eat dinner.”, negates to “I do not eat dinner.”

Example Sentences with the word “not”:

- Perhaps I don't understand things.
- Two other baby birds were there, that had **not** fallen out.
- Fido must **not** have heard him come home.
- **Not** now implies later.
- After reading my arguments, you may or may **not** believe the future I describe.
- But that was **not** true.
- I did **not** find out the secret for several years.
- I should **not** talk so much about myself.
- It had a bright blue cover, which he was careful **not** to soil.
- He did **not** act as if it was bothering him.
- Of course, I did **not** know what it was all about.
- You must be careful **not** to spend the money foolishly.
- Pierre wished to reply, but could **not** get in a word.
- John stood rather far off and could **not** hear all that the Emperor said.