**Les Négatifs**

Apart from ‘NE \_\_\_ PAS’, there are a number of other important negative words in French. Each one has a different meaning:

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| **French** | **English** | **Example** |
| Ne \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ aucun | none | Je ne sais aucun= I know none |
| Ne \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ guère | hardly | Je ne sais guère= I hardly know |
| Ne \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ jamais | never | Je ne sais jamais= I never know |
| Ne \_\_\_\_\_ ni ….. ni…. | Neither… nor…. | Je ne sais ni la question ni la réponse= I know neither the question nor the answer |
| Ne \_\_\_\_\_\_ pas | Don’t | Je ne sais pas= I don’t know |
| Ne \_\_\_\_\_\_ personne | Nobody | Je ne sais personne= I know nobody |
| Ne \_\_\_\_\_ plus | No longer | Je ne sais plus= I no longer know |
| Ne \_\_\_\_\_ que | Only | Je ne sais que= I only know |
| Ne \_\_\_\_\_ rien | Nothing | Je ne sais rien= I know nothing |

However, if the verb is in a tense which has two verbs e.g. the passé composé/ futur proche, the ‘NE’ goes before the helping verb and the negative word (PAS/ JAMAIS etc.) goes after the helping verb. You must ‘sandwich’ the helping verb.

Example:

* He hasn’t sold = il **N’**a **PAS** vendu
* I am going to know nothing= je **NE** vais **RIEN** savoir

**Translate:**

1. I don’t live\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. I no longer live\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. I only live\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. I never live\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. She doesn’t like\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. He only does geography\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. We like nobody\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
8. You-plural never talk\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
9. I ate nothing\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
10. He no longer studies French\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
11. I never went to Spain\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
12. We are no longer going to go to Switzerland\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
13. They-girls only drink alcohol\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
14. I never ate cake when I went to the party\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
15. She sees nobody when she goes to the shopping centre\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
16. I like neither Rachel nor Rebecca\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
17. I am not going to do the homework\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_