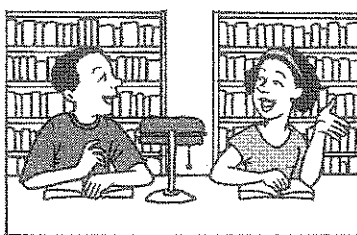


Ellos estudian.



Ellos no estudian.

Do you see what we have done? If you want to make a sentence negative in Spanish, which word is placed directly before the verb? _____ If you wrote **no**, you are correct.



Making Spanish sentences negative is very easy. All you do is place the negative word **no** before the verb. In English we sometimes say *doesn't*, *don't*, *aren't*, *won't*, etc., but Spanish uses **no** in all the sentences.

Tú no hablas español.

*You don't speak Spanish.
You aren't speaking Spanish.*

Yo no camino a la escuela.

*I don't walk to school.
I'm not walking to school.*

Ella no compra una blusa.

*She doesn't buy a blouse.
She isn't buying a blouse.*

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With a partner, take turns saying the following statements and changing them into negative sentences.

EXAMPLE: Juan baila bien. Juan **no** baila bien.

1. Ella practica el piano.

2. Nosotros trabajamos en el jardín.

3. Tú buscas el libro.

4. Ellos escuchan música.

5. Ustedes usan computadoras.

6. Usted compra el periódico.

7. Él llega al aeropuerto.

8. Yo estudio en la universidad.

9. Jaime desea estudiar español.

10. Ustedes hablan mucho.



Now, let's learn how to ask questions in Spanish.

Usted toma el autobús.

¿Toma usted el autobús?

Carlos desea trabajar.

¿Desea Carlos trabajar?

Los muchachos compran discos.

¿Compran los muchachos discos?

Notice that in the questions, the subjects (**usted, Carlos, los muchachos**) are placed *after* the verb. Note also that there is an upside down question mark (¿) placed at the beginning of the question.