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NEGATION

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basic negation: *ne ... pas* (don't, not)
alternate forms (1):
 ne ... jamais (never)
 ne ... rien (nothing)
 ne ... personne (nobody, no one)

ne ... pas du tout (not at all)

ne ... plus (no more, any longer)

alternate forms (2):

ne ... aucun(e) (not one)

ne ... ni ... ni (neither ... nor)

ne ... que (only)

one word negative responses: **si, jamais, personne, rien**



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common prepositions

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c'est vs. il/elle est

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direct object pronouns: **me, te, le, la, nous, vous, les**

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pronoun: **y**

pronoun: **en**

relative pronouns: **qui** and **que**

relative pronouns: **ce qui** and **ce que**

relative pronouns: **dont, ce dont, où, lequel**

order of object pronouns

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demonstrative pronouns: **celui, celle, ceux, celles**

possessive pronouns: **le mien, la mienne, etc.**



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subordinating conjunctions: **pendant que, quand, depuis que**, etc.

conjunctions that take the subjunctive



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