

CHEAT SHEET

How to Build Negative Sentences in French

"ne... pas" / "n'... pas" (not)

HOW TO FORM BASIC NEGATION

Add "ne" or "n'" before the conjugated verb and "pas" after the conjugated verb.

EXAMPLES

- Je suis français(e) ➡ Je ne suis pas français(e). (I'm not French.)
- J'ai froid ➡ Je n'ai pas froid. (I'm not cold.)

THE ARTICLES

- Indefinite articles (**un, une, des**) and partitive articles (**du, de l', de la**) become: "**de**" (or "**d'**")
- Definite article (**le, la, les**), don't change.

EXAMPLES

- J'ai **une** voiture ➡ Je n'ai pas **de** voiture. (I don't have a car.)
- Je regarde **la** télé ➡ Je ne regarde pas **la** télé. (I'm not watching TV.)



With the the verb "être," the articles don't change.

- Je suis **une** fille ➡ Je ne suis pas **une** fille. (I'm not a girl.)
- C'est **du** chocolat ➡ Ce n'est pas **du** chocolat. (It's not chocolate.)



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