

You mustn't take so many clothes!

We both agreed not to pack much.

You don't have to bring the diving gear.

I haven't packed much.

Me neither.



Don't forget your passport!

Let's not take any sun screen. We can buy some there.

I don't think it's a good idea to change money at the airport.

Do you think it's going to be very hot?

I hope so!

## Presentation

### Negative statements with *think, believe, suppose, imagine* and *want*:

It's more common to make the first verb in the sentence negative, not the second: *I don't think it's a good idea.*

### Negative forms of *have to* and *must*:

*Have to* and *must* have a similar meaning in positive sentences. However, *mustn't* and *not have to* have completely different meanings.

You **mustn't** take so many clothes. (= Don't do it!)

You **don't have to** take any sun screen. (= You can if you want, but it isn't necessary.)

### Negative short answers with *hope, expect, believe, guess, suppose* and *be afraid*:

Add *not* after the verb:

'Is it going to be very cold?' *I hope not.*

The affirmative equivalent is *so*, e.g. *I'm afraid so.*

### Negative imperatives:

Use *don't* to make an imperative negative. It is the same for one person or more than one: **Don't forget your passport.**

### Negative infinitive:

Add *not* before *to* to make an infinitive with *to* negative: *We both agreed **not to** pack much.*

### Negative suggestions:

Use *let's not* + infinitive to make a negative suggestion: **Let's not take any sun screen.**

### Negative words: *neither, none, no, not ... either*

We use *no* directly before a plural or uncountable noun in a sentence with a positive verb: **There are no tourists at this time of year.**

We can't use *no* if there is an article or possessive adjective before the noun. Use *none of* instead: **None of the hotels had empty rooms.**

*None* is a pronoun. We use it in place of a noun to say 'not one' or 'not any': *There were six hotels when I was a child. There are **none** now.*

We use *neither* + auxiliary verb + pronoun to agree with a negative statement. It means 'also not'.

'I don't like hot weather.' *Neither do I.*

The affirmative equivalent is *so* (*So do I*).

We can also use pronoun + *neither* with the same meaning.

'I don't like this place.' *Me neither.*

The affirmative equivalent is *too* (*Me too*).

We also use *not ... either* with the same meaning.

'I don't feel like going out.' *I don't either.*

## Exercises

## 1 Complete the sentences with the words.

imagine	decided	forget	hope	mustn't	neither	none of	not
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- 1 I don't imagine that we'll hear from them again.
- 2 You ..... take liquids on the plane. It's against the law.
- 3 A: Is Geoff coming too?  
B: I ..... not! We don't get on.
- 4 Don't ..... to call me when you get there so I know you arrived safely.
- 5 They ..... not to go by train. They hired a car instead.
- 6 Let's ..... stay out so late tonight. I'm tired.
- 7 ..... us like holidays on hot beaches.
- 8 A: I like this country but the food is very hot. I can't eat it.  
B: ..... can I.

## 2 Choose the correct options.

- 1 This place used to be famous for its hotels. But now there are *no / none* left.
- 2 A: I really don't like the way people speak to you in this hotel.  
B: *Me neither. / Me either.*
- 3 A: Is there a bank near here? I need to change some money.  
B: I'm afraid *not / so.*
- 4 *I suppose / don't suppose* it's a good idea to stay up late because our flight leaves very early.
- 5 A: We don't want to go away this year on holiday.  
B: We don't *either / neither.*
- 6 We planned *to spend / not to spend* too much time on buses, but we did.

## 3 Complete the second sentence so it has the same meaning as the first.

- 1 I think it's a bad idea.  
**don't** I don't think it's a good idea.
- 2 It's against the rules to carry over 25kg on the plane.  
**mustn't** You ..... over 25kg on the plane.
- 3 You can bring diving gear but you won't need it.  
**have to** You ..... diving gear.
- 4 Remember to check in 24 hours before your flight.  
**forget** ..... 24 hours before your flight.
- 5 We all said that we didn't want to meet at the same restaurant as last time.  
**agreed not** We ..... at the same restaurant as last time.
- 6 I don't think we should go back to the city.  
**let's** ..... to the city.
- 7 Me neither.  
**do** Neither .....
- 8 In my opinion the answer is wrong.  
**believe** ..... the answer is right.

## 4 Imagine you are planning a holiday with some friends. Complete these sentences about your plans.

- 1 Me and my friends have agreed not to .....
- 2 None of my friends .....
- 3 I don't imagine .....
- 4 We hope not to .....