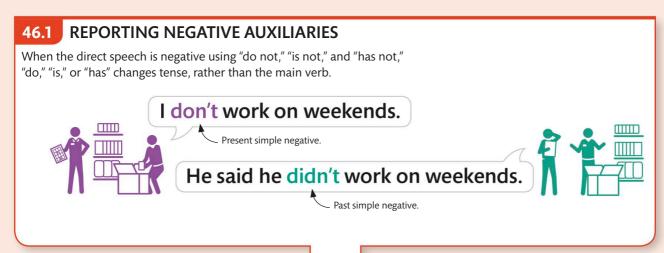
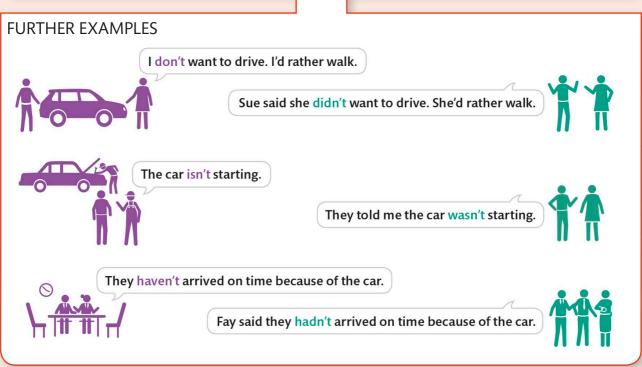
## Reported speech with negatives

Negatives in reported speech are formed in the same way as negatives in direct speech. "Not" is used with the auxiliary, or with the main verb if there is no auxiliary.

## See also:

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## 46.2 REPORTING OTHER VERBS WITH NEGATIVES

If a reporting verb is followed by an object and an infinitive, "not" goes between the object and the infinitive to form the negative.



You shouldn't sign the contract.

Our lawyer advised me not to sign the contract.



"Not" makes the reported speech negative.

## **FURTHER EXAMPLES**



Don't eat any more cake. It's bad for you.

I think I persuaded Evan not to eat any more cake.





Don't go in the water. It's dangerous.

The lifeguard warned me not to go in the water.





I don't think you should stand so near the edge.

My friend warned me not to stand near the edge.





You must not lose your passport while you're away.

My dad reminded me not to lose my passport.





Don't draw on the walls!

My dad told me not to draw on the walls.

