

Negative Latin sentences

Three ways to turn a Latin sentence negative are:

non (not)

numquam (never)

nemo (no-one)

Translate the sentence pairs below and circle the negative sentence of the pair. The first one has been done to show you how.

1. **rex ridebat.**

The king was laughing.

nemo ridebat.

No-one was laughing.

2. **infans numquam lacrimat.**

The baby never cries.

infans lacrimat.

The baby is crying.

3. **gladios habemus.**

We have swords.

gladios non habemus.

We don't have swords.

4. **canis ventum audit.**

The dog hears the wind.

nemo ventum audit.

No-one hears the wind.

5. **validi non sumus.**

We are not strong.

validi sumus.

We are strong.

6. **familia cantabat.**

The family was singing.

nemo cantabat.

No-one was singing.

7. **matrem visitas.**

You are visiting mother.

matrem numquam visitas.

You never visit mother.

8. **villam regis non quaerebam.**

I wasn't looking for the king's house.

villam regis quaerebam.

I was looking for the king's house.

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For the sentences below:

1. translate the Latin
2. rewrite the Latin sentence to make it negative by using 'non' (not)
3. write a translation of the new negative sentence

The first one has been done to show you how.

1. **medicus laborabat.**

translation: The doctor was working.

negative Latin sentence: medicus non laborabat.

negative Latin translation: The doctor was not working.

2. **amici sumus.**

translation: We are friends.

negative Latin sentence: amici non sumus.

negative Latin translation: We are not friends.

3. **bene dormimus.**

translation: We sleep well.

negative Latin sentence: non bene dormimus/bene non dormimus.

negative Latin translation: We don't sleep well.

4. **canes curabamus.**

translation: We were looking after the dogs.

negative Latin sentence: canes non curabamus.

negative Latin translation: We were not looking after the dogs.

5. **fratres sororem vexant.**

translation: The brothers are annoying the sister.

negative Latin sentence: fratres sororem non vexant.

negative Latin translation: The brothers are not annoying the sister.