

# AFFIRMATIVE & NEGATIVE WORDS IN SPANISH: LIST, USES & EXAMPLES



# AFFIRMATIVE VS NEGATIVE IN SPANISH

## AFFIRMATIVE SENTENCE



Te compré algo.  
I bought you something.

Bill siempre lee en las mañanas.  
Bill always reads in the morning.

## NEGATIVE SENTENCE



No te compré nada.  
I did not buy you anything.

Bill nunca lee.  
Bill never reads.

# HOW TO USE DOUBLE NEGATIVES IN SPANISH

## KEY POINTS

- Simple negation uses one negative word.
- Single negative words are placed before the verb.
- Double negatives are triggered when a negative comes after the verb.
- With double negatives, we must place a negative word before the verb and another one after.

### ONE NEGATIVE



Nadie te vino a buscar.  
Nobody came looking for you.

### DOUBLE NEGATIVE



Nadie me dijo nada.  
Nobody told me anything.

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Below is a chart of affirmative words in Spanish and their negative counterpart:

Affirmative word	Negative word	Use
Algo - Something	Nada - Nothing	Refer to things and ideas.
Algún - A, an, any, some	Ningún - Not any	Refer to people and things.
Alguien - Someone	Nadie - No one	Refer to people.
Alguno - Some / Someone	Ninguno - None / No	Replace nouns. They're the pronoun forms of 'algún' and 'ningún'.
Con - With	Sin - Without	Refer to accompanying something or someone.
O - Or	Ni - Nor	Provide options.
Sí - Yes	No - No	Affirm or negate information.
Siempre - Always	Nunca - Never	Indicate the frequency of an action.
También - Too, also	Tampoco - Neither, nor	Express agreement with a previous statement.

# KEY POINTS: AFFIRMATIVE & NEGATIVE WORDS

- Negatives and affirmatives in Spanish are used to identify people or things and to affirm or negate information.
- Depending on word type, affirmatives and negatives:
  - Refer to people, things, concepts (algo, algún, alguien, etc)
  - Express agreement or disagreement (tampoco, también)
  - Convey the relationship between a noun and other elements (con and sin)
  - Express frequency (siempre and nunca)
- The formula negative word + verb is only used when using a single negative term in the sentence.
- Double negatives consist of using two negative words in a sentence (no + verb + negative).

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