

negative**1. ['negətɪv] n****1. 1) отрицательный ответ, несогласие**

to answer in the negative - ответить отрицательно

the answer is in the negative - ответ отрицательный ≅ я не согласен, я против

the negative won the debate - противники предложения /законопроекта, проекта резолюции *и т. п.* / одержали верх в прениях**2) отказ, отклонение**

it was decided in the negative - вопрос был решён отрицательно предложение было отклонено, просьба была отвергнута

the plebiscite returned a negative - плебисцит дал отрицательный ответ

2. принцип или положение, выраженные в отрицательной форме

it's hard to prove a negative - построенное на отрицании положение трудно доказать

two negatives make an affirmative - минус на минус даёт плюс

3. отрицательная черта, сторона, недостаток, минус; отрицательный факт

his character is made up of negatives - он средоточие недостатков

4. арх. запрет, вето**5. грам.****1) отрицание, отрицательная частица****2) отрицательно предложение****6. мат. отрицательная величина****7. эл. отрицательный полюс, катод****8. фото негатив****9. в грам. знач. междометия нет, не так, неверно (особ. в разговоре по телефону)****2. ['neɪɡətɪv] a****1. отрицательный**

negative answer - отрицательный ответ

negative sign - знак минус [см. тж. 2]

negative quantity - а) отрицательная величина; б) *разг. шутл.* ничто, «пустое место»negative vote - отрицательный результат голосования, отклонение голосованием (*предложения, кандидатуры*)

negative voice - голос против; возражение, протест

negative trade balance - *эк.* пассивный торговый балансnegative acceleration - *тех.* отрицательное ускорение, замедлениеnegative air pressure - *тех.* давление воздуха меньше атмосферного отрицательное давление**2. негативный, безрезультатный**

the experiments proved negative - опыты оказались безрезультатными/дали отрицательный результат

negative sign - показатель отсутствия (*чего-л.*) [см. тж. 1]negative report - *воен.* донесение об отсутствии противника

negative evidence - отсутствие положительных доказательств

3. 1) невыразительны, бесцветный

a negative character /personality/ - бесцветная/бесхарактерная, серая/ личность

2) отрицательный, дурной

negative influence - дурное влияние

4. негативный, нигилистический, пессимистический, (огульно) отрицающий

negative criticism - уничтожающая /разносная/ критика; критиканство

negative attitude - недоброжелательное отношение

5. фото негативный, обратный (об изображении)**6. мед. разг. резус-отрицательный (тж. Rh-negative)**

the mother is negative but I'm not sure about the father - у матери отрицательный резус, а об отце я не уверен

3. ['negətɪv] v**1. делать тщетным; сводить на нет; нейтрализовать**

to negative an effect - нейтрализовать действие, свести на нет эффект

to negative all efforts [attempts] - сделать тщетными все усилия [попытки]

2. отклонять путём голосования (резолюцию, кандидатуру); забаллотировать

the Lords negatived the bill - палата лордов забаллотировала законопроект

the senate negatived the proposed taxation - предложения по налогообложению были отклонены сенатом

3. амер. налагать вето, запрет, не утверждать; отменять**4. 1) отклонять, отвергать**

to negative a request - отклонить просьбу; отвергнуть требование

2) опровергать

to negative a hypothesis [an inference] - опровергнуть гипотезу [вывод]

to negative a statement - возражать против какого-л. утверждения, отрицать правильность утверждения

experiments negatived his theory - опыты опровергли его теорию

negative

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

nega-tive AW [negative negatives] adjective, noun, verb BrE ['negətɪv] ¹ NAmE['negətɪv] ¹

adjective

BAD**1.** bad or harmful

- The crisis had a **negative effect on** trade.
- The whole experience was definitely more positive than negative.

Opp: ↑positive

NOT HOPEFUL

2. considering only the bad side of sth/sb; lacking enthusiasm or hope

- Scientists have a fairly **negative attitude** to the theory.
- 'He probably won't show up.' 'Don't be so negative.'

Opp: ↑positive

NO

3. expressing the answer 'no'

- His response was negative.
- They received a negative reply.

Opp: ↑affirmative

GRAMMAR

4. containing a word such as 'no', 'not', 'never', etc

- a **negative form/sentence**

SCIENTIFIC TEST

5. (abbr. **neg.**) not showing any evidence of a particular substance or medical condition

- Her pregnancy test was negative.

Opp: ↑positive

ELECTRICITY

6. (**technical**) containing or producing the type of electricity that is carried by an ↑electron

- a **negative charge/current**
- the negative terminal of a battery

Opp: ↑positive

NUMBER/QUANTITY

7. less than zero

- a negative trade balance

Opp: ↑positive

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Thesaurus:

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damaging • • **bad** • • **ill** • • **destructive** • |formal **harmful** • • **detrimental** • • **pernicious** •

Opp: positive

a negative/damaging/bad/destructive/harmful/detrimental/pernicious **effect** /ill **effects**

a negative/damaging/bad/destructive/pernicious **influence**

negative/damaging/bad/harmful **publicity**

2.

- He's been rather negative about the idea.

pessimistic • • **gloomy** • • **bleak** • • **dark** • • **depressing** • • **miserable** • • **black** • |informal **downbeat** •

Opp: positive

negative/pessimistic/miserable **about** sth

a negative/pessimistic/gloomy/bleak **outlook**

negative/gloomy/dark/depressing/black **thoughts**

paint a negative/pessimistic/gloomy/bleak/depressing **picture** (of sb/sth)

Example Bank:

- He tested negative for HIV infection.
- He's been rather negative about the idea.
- Reaction to last night's attack was uniformly negative.
- She spoke in entirely negative terms.
- Some people have accused me of being overly negative.
- The antibody test proved negative.
- The urine tests were negative for protein.
- Their attitude was highly negative.
- the strongly negative implications of these survey results
- 'He probably won't show up.' 'Don't be so negative.'
- I don't want to sound unduly negative, but I simply couldn't see the point.

- Negative side effects of the drug can occur and include drowsiness and headaches.
- Scientists have a fairly negative attitude to the theory.
- The whole experience was definitely more positive than negative.
- We try to pinpoint the cause of any negative feelings.

Derived Word ↑negatively

noun

NO

1. a word or statement that means 'no'; a refusal or ↑denial: (formal) She answered **in the negative** (= said 'no').

Opp: ↑affirmative

IN PHOTOGRAPHY

2. a developed film showing the dark areas of an actual scene as light and the light areas as dark
 - Keep the negatives in case you want more prints later.

compare ↑positive

IN SCIENTIFIC TEST

3. the result of a test or an experiment that shows that a substance or condition is not present
 - The percentage of **false negatives** generated by the cancer test is of great concern.

Opp: ↑positive

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Example Bank:

- His interest in photography started with him developing negatives that he found lying around the house.
- She answered the question in the negative.
- We must assume that the spy kept the negatives.
- a high proportion of false negatives

verb (formal)

1. ~ **sth** to refuse to agree to a proposal or a request
2. ~ **sth** to prove that sth is not true

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	negative
	BrE / 'negətv/
	NAme / 'negətv/
he / she / it	negatives
	BrE / 'negətvz/
	NAme / 'negətvz/
past simple, past participle	negated
	BrE / 'negətvd/
	NAme / 'negətvd/
-ing form	negating
	BrE / 'negətvɪŋ/
	NAme / 'negətvɪŋ/

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1. **neg** [ə] **t**ive¹ **S2 W2 AC** /'negətv/ **BrE** ^α **AmE** ^α **adjective**

1. **BAD** harmful, unpleasant, or not wanted **OPP positive:**

- My drinking was starting to have a negative effect on my work.
- the negative aspects of ageing
- On the negative side, it will cost a lot.

2. **NOT LIKING SOMEBODY/SOMETHING** considering only the bad qualities of a situation, person etc and not the good ones **OPP positive:**

- students with a negative attitude to school
- They have a uniformly negative image of the police.
- Jean rarely sounded so negative about her mother.

3. **NO/NOT**

a) saying or meaning 'no'

negative answer/reply/response

- He gave a negative answer without any explanation.

b) containing one of the words 'no', 'not', 'nothing', 'never' etc **OPP affirmative**

4. **SCIENTIFIC TEST** not showing any sign of the chemical or medical condition that was being looked for **OPP positive:**

The pregnancy test was negative.

A person can be recently infected by HIV and have a negative result.

5. **ELECTRICITY** *technical* a negative ↑charge is carried by ↑electrons **OPP positive**

6. **NUMBER/QUANTITY** less than zero **SYN minus OPP positive**:

negative numbers

a negative return on our investment (=a loss)

7. **BLOOD** *technical* used in the names of blood types, meaning not having the ↑Rhesus factor **OPP positive**

—**negatively** *adverb*

II. **negative**² **AC** *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [countable]

1. an image on a photographic film that shows dark areas as light and light areas as dark, from which the final picture is printed:

black and white photographic negatives

2. a statement or expression that means 'no' **OPP affirmative**

answer/reply in the negative formal (=say 'no')

The majority of people, when asked whether or not they are creative, will reply in the negative.

3. something bad or harmful **OPP positive**:

The negatives outweigh the positives on this issue.

4. a negative result from a chemical or scientific test **OPP positive**:

The test will give a proportion of false negatives.

III. **negative**³ *BrE* *AmE* *verb* [transitive] *formal*

1. to refuse to accept a proposal or request

2. to prove something to be untrue

negative

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RANGE: **2k** **NEGATIVE**³³²¹⁰

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negatives¹²⁰⁴

negativism¹¹⁶

negativity⁴⁸³

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