



NEGATIVE QUESTIONS

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QUESTION WORD	VERB 1	SUBJECT	VERB 2	COMPLEMENT
Why	didn't	you	come	to class yesterday?
	Aren't	they	studying	at the library today?
Why	can't	Sara	come	to the party?

<p>Example A: A: I didn't eat lunch earlier this afternoon. B: Why not? <u>Didn't you have enough time?</u> A: <u>No, I didn't. I was too busy on the phone.</u></p>	<p>Example B: A: I can't come to the party tomorrow night. B: Why not? <u>Why can't you come to the party?</u> A: <u>Because I already have plans.</u></p>
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Exercise A. MATCHING: Match the sentences to the negative questions.

<p>____ 1. I don't like to eat steak. ____ 2. Susan isn't going to graduate this year. ____ 3. I didn't go in the water at the beach. ____ 4. This hot weather is really too much! ____ 5. I think that guy is famous... ____ 6. This hotel looks really familiar. ____ 7. I'm sorry, but I'm too busy. ____ 8. I saw that same sign 10 minutes ago!</p>	<p>A. Really? Won't you make a little bit of time for me? B. Why not? Can't you swim? C. Really? Don't you like our California weather? D. Why not? Didn't she pass her chemistry exam? E. Didn't we just drive by here a few minutes ago? F. Why not? Don't you like beef? G. Isn't he that actor from <i>Titanic</i>? H. Didn't we stay here once before?</p>
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Exercise B. CONVERSATIONS: Make negative questions in the conversations below:

1. A: I don't like to eat pizza.
B: Why not? _____
A: _____

2. A: Are you ready for the test tomorrow?
B: No, I'm not
A: Why not? Why _____
B: _____

3. A: That vocabulary exercise looks very familiar.
B: _____
A: I think you're right. We did do it last week!

4. A: I won't be in class tomorrow.
B: Why not? Why _____
A: Because _____

5. A: I don't like broccoli, cauliflower, bell peppers, or squash!
B: Really? _____
A: Yes, of course I do. I like a few vegetables, just not many.

6. A: Lee-Anne got lost on her way to the job interview yesterday.
B: _____
A: I guess not. She should buy a map and keep it in her car.

7. A: Jason hasn't found a job yet.
B: Why not? Why _____
A: Because _____

8. A: John really wants to have a pet, but he's allergic to cats and dogs.
B: _____
A: Yes, I suppose he could get a bird or a fish.



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-ANSWER KEY-

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Exercise B. CONVERSATIONS: Make negative questions in the conversations below:

1. A: I don't like to eat pizza.
B: Why not? Why don't you like pizza? / Don't you like pepperoni? / etc.
A: _____

2. A: Are you ready for the test tomorrow?
B: No, I'm not
A: Why not? Why aren't you ready for the test? / Why didn't you study? / Why didn't you get help?
B: _____

3. A: That vocabulary exercise looks very familiar.
B: Didn't we do the same exercise last week? / Didn't we do this before? / etc.
A: I think you're right. We did do it last week!

4. A: I won't be in class tomorrow.
B: Why not? Why won't you be here? / Why aren't you coming? / etc.
A: Because _____

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B: Really? Don't you like vegetables? / Don't you eat vegies? / etc.
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B: Why not? Why hasn't he found a job yet?
A: Because _____

8. A: John really wants to have a pet, but he's allergic to cats and dogs.
B: Why doesn't he get some other kind of pet? / Can't he get a fish or bird? / etc.
A: Yes, I suppose he could get a bird or a fish.