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Section _____

Common Writing Errors Worksheet

A. Forming the present tense negative: To make simple present tense verbs negative, insert "do not" or "does not" between the subject and the base form of the verb.

S + do/does + not + base form of the verb. OR S + don't/doesn't + base form of the verb.

I do not like broccoli.

I don't like broccoli.

She does not like spinach.

She doesn't like spinach.

Exercise 1: Re-write the positive sentences as negative sentences.

Example: I want to be a mechanical engineer. Negative: I do not want to be a mechanical engineer.

1. She likes to work in a team. Negative: _____
2. We want to improve physical education. Negative: _____
3. I like to study math. Negative: _____
4. I want to change my major. Negative: _____
5. He studies agriculture. Negative: _____

Exercise 2: Re-write the negative sentences as positive sentences.

Example: They do not work in engineering. Positive: They work in engineering.

6. You do not like math. Positive: _____
7. I don't want to work with animals. Positive: _____
8. He does not study nursing. Positive: _____
9. I do not want to continue my studies. Positive: _____
10. She doesn't want to go to graduate school. Positive: _____

B. Placement of adjectives: In English, the adjective comes *before* the noun it describes.

Spanish: educación física

English: Physical Education

Exercise 3: Find the errors in word order in the sentence. Re-write the sentence correctly.

Example: My major is education physical. Correction: My major is physical education.

11. When I graduate from colegio, I will be a person professional.
Correction: _____
12. Disasters natural occur frequently.
Correction: _____
13. I want to study the body human and how it works.
Correction: _____