

Negation / Affirmation

Negation = head nod for 'no'
Affirmation = head not for 'yes'

Examples of these are:

| Negation | Affirmation |
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| No | Yes |
| Wont | Will |
| Can't | Can |
| Disagree | Agree |
| Impossible | Possible |
| Not acceptable / unacceptable | Accept |
| Not competence | Competence |
| Not capable / incapable | Capable |
| Not much | There is a lot |
| Not deaf | Deaf |
| Not coming | Coming |
| Don't remember | Remembers |

Many signs are used with either negation or affirmation. Usually these are verbs but may include other signed aspects. Watch a signer (on video) and see if you can spot these negations and affirmations. Write them down in two columns like this:

| Negation | Affirmation |
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Simple sentences for negation and affirmation:

* These verbs are different for the affirmative and negative forms. You need to remember these well.

| Affirmation | Negation |
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| I like* that | I don't like* that |
| I want it | I don't want it |
| You can* do it | You can't* do that |
| He understand me | She does not understand me |
| That is true | That is not true |
| I am hearing | He is not hearing |
| She is happy | He is not happy |
| I work here | I don't work here |
| He enjoys his job | She does not enjoy her job |
| That is allowed | That is not allowed |
| I know* her | I don't know* you |
| Yes that is possible* | No that is not possible* |
| They are ready for NVQ | She is not ready for NVQ |
| I am going out today | They are not going out today |