

Negation with nunca, tampoco, nadie and nada

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Nunca and tampoco

- **Nunca** (*never*) and **tampoco** (*neither, not either*) can take the place of **no**, or they can be added toward the end of a sentence that already has **no**.

No voy a la playa.

I don't go to the beach.

Nunca voy a la playa.

I never go to the beach.

No voy a la playa **nunca**.

I never go to the beach.

Tampoco voy a la piscina.

I don't go to the pool either.

No voy a la piscina **tampoco**. *I don't go to the pool either.*

Nada

- The word **nada** means *nothing* when it is the subject of a sentence and *not anything* or *nothing* when it goes after the verb.

Nada es fácil.

Nothing is easy.

- When **nada** is after the verb, **no** must be placed before the verb.

No quiero **nada** hoy.

I don't want anything today.

Nadie

- Use **nadie** to say *nobody* or *not anybody*.

Nadie quiere lavar los platos. Todos quieren ir al cine.

Nobody wants to wash the dishes. Everybody wants to go to the movies.

- When **nadie** is after the verb, **no** must be placed before the verb.

No hay **nadie** aquí.

There isn't anybody here.