SPANISH VERB NEGAR – CONJUGATION

The straight definition of the verb **Negar** (deny in spanish) if you look it up in the dictionary, is the act of denying or saying no to something. Having said this, we have the first glimpse of this verb, and we can start with this journey of learning and understanding, so **no te niegues a aceptar este reto** (do not deny this challenge.).

Negar, another member of the Irregular Family

Once again we meet an irregular verb, but do not worry, with practice you can master the Spanish tenses.

Negar Main Uses

As in refuse to do something (in this case, the direct translation to English is really **"refuse"**): **Me niego a lavar los trastes que usó mi cuñado.** (I refuse to do the dishes that my brother-in-law used.)

To reject a certain action or to give help: **El taxista se negó a darles servicio a los jóvenes por estar borrachos.** (The taxi driver denied the service to the boys for being all drunk.)

To decide not to admit facts of situations, usually in court or legal problems: **Niego enérgicamente los hechos de los que se me acusan.** (I emphatically deny the charges against me.)

"The prince could not continue to deny his love for Cinderella": Verbals

Verbals are words that need other words in order to be used. No matter the person, tense, number, these words will remain the same (hooray!). The verb **Negar** has three verbals: the infinitive, the gerund and the participle. Let's move on to the examples:

	Verbal	Common Use	Example	English

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Infinitive	Negar (to deny/denying)	Non conjugated/Noun	Negar la verdad es tonto.	To deny the truth is foolish.
Gerund	Negando (denying)	Adverb/periphrasis	No te sigas negando, hoy celebramos.	No more denying, we celebrate today.
Participle	Negado (denied)	Adjective	La moción fue negada por el juez.	The motion was denied by the judge.

Let's get down to business: Conjugate

Negar Conjugation: Indicative Mood

Considering the focus that is used when a person is speaking, what the verb or phrase is saying in general, the most common mood in Spanish is the indicative mood. Although less common, don't forget that the auxiliary verb **Haber** (to have) is an important part of its compound tenses!

Simple Tenses of the Indicative Mood

Subject	Present	Preterite	Imperfect	Conditional	Future
	(Deny)	(Denied)	(Denied)	(Would Deny)	(Will Deny)
Yo	Niego	Negué	Negaba	Negaría	Negaré
Tú	Niegas	Negaste	Negabas	Negarías	Negarás
Él/Ella/Usted	Niega	Negó	Negaba	Negaría	Negará
Nosotros	Negamos	Negamos	Negábamos	Negaríamos	Negaremos
Ellos/Ellas/Ustedes	Niegan	Negaron	Negaban	Negarían	Negarán

Some examples:

- **Johnny Depp negó haber golpeado a Amber Heard.** (Johnny Depp denied having beaten Amber Heard.)
- **Nadie sospechaba que Amber negaría tener una relación con Elon Musk.**

(Nobody suspected that Amber would deny having an affair with Elon Musk.)

Compound Tenses of the Indicative Mood

Subject	Present	Preterite	Imperfect	Conditional	Future
	(Have/Has Denied)	(Had Denied)	(Had Denied)	(Would Have Denied)	(Will Have Denied)
Yo	He Negado	Hube Negado	Había Negado	Habría Negado	Habré Negado
Tú	Has Negado	Hubiste Negado	Habías Negado	Habrías Negado	Habrás Negado
Él/Ella/Usted	Ha Negado	Hubo Negado	Había Negado	Habría Negado	Habrá Negado
Nosotros	Hemos Negado	Hubimos Negado	Habíamos Negado	Habrían Negado	Habremos Negado
Ellos/Ellas/Ustedes	Han Negado	Hubieron Negado	Habían Negado	Habrían Negado	Habrán Negado

Negar Conjugation: Subjunctive Mood

With subjunctive mood, we hypothesize or express our wishes. The number of verb tenses is reduced, being divided equally into simple and compound.

Simple Tenses of the Subjunctive Mood

Subject	Present	Imperfect	Imperfect 2	Future
Yo	Niegue	Negara	Negase	Negare
Tú	Niegues	Negaras	Negases	Negares
Él/Ella/Usted	Niegue	Negara	Negase	Negare
Nosotros	Neguemos	Negáramos	Negásemos	Negáremos
Ellos/Ellas/Ustedes	Nieguen	Negaran	Negasen	Negaren

More examples:

- **Si negásemos el saber usar las laptops, quizá nos despedirían.** (If we denied knowing how to use the laptops, we might get fired.)
- **Es muy difícil que él negase la paternidad, el niño se parece mucho a él.** (It is very difficult for him to deny the paternity, the child looks exactly like him.)

Compound Tenses of the Subjunctive Mood

Subject	Present	Imperfect	Imperfect 2	Future
Yo	Haya Negado	Hubiera Negado	Hubiese Negado	Hubiere Negado
Tú	Hayas Negado	Hubieras Negado	Hubieses Negado	Hubieres Negado
Él/Ella/Usted	Haya Negado	Hubiera Negado	Hubiese Negado	Hubiere Negado
Nosotros	Hayamos Negado	Hubiéramos Negado	Hubiésemos Negado	Hubiéremos Negado
Ellos/Ellas/Ustedes	Hayan Negado	Hubieran Negado	Hubiesen Negado	Hubieren Negado

Negar Conjugation: Imperative Mood

We enter the last mood you are going to memorize, with fewer people to learn (fortunately): the bossy (or Imperative) mood. With this conjugation, you can express orders. And since you can't order yourself or a third party, you will only learn 3 persons and 1 verb tense. Possible uses of the Imperative mood? Children, pets, or that roomie who won't stop eating your stuff.

Imperative Mood's Conjugations

Subject	Affirmative	Negative
	(Deny / Let's Deny)	(Don't Deny / Let's Not Deny)
Tú	Niegas	No Niegas
Nosotros	Neguemos	No Neguemos
Ustedes	Nieguen	No Nieguen

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Examples:

- **No niegas la veracidad de lo ocurrido.** (You do not deny the veracity of what happened.)
- **Neguemos su solicitud por unos días a ver cómo reaccionan.** (Let's deny their request for a few days to see how they react.)

Negar Verb – Quiz/Worksheet

Fill in the correct conjugation in the spaces below:

1. El acusado no se atrevió a _____ las acusaciones. (The accused did not dare to deny the accusations.)

2. Ella _____ su amor por los animales y sin embargo tiene 28 gatos en su casa. (She denied her love for the animals and yet she has 28 cats at home.)

3. _____ que eso haya pasado y olvidémoslo. (Let´s deny all this happened and forget about it.)

4. No_____ que están enamorados, se les nota en la cara. (Do not deny you are both in love, you show it in your face.)

5. Si yo _____ ser el culpable, no me habría castigado mi madre. (If I had denied being guilty, my mother would not have punished me.)

6. Si ella _____ nuestra relación, yo moriría de dolor. (If she denied our relationship, I would die in pain.)

7. Johnny Depp _____ varias veces ser un mal esposo. (Johnny Depp has denied being a bad husband many times.)

8. ¿Has _____ alguna vez ser mexicano? (Have you ever denied being mexican?)

9. Si vieras su hermosa cara, no _____ ninguno de sus deseos (If you saw her beautiful face, you would not deny her every wish.)

10. Su visa de trabajo fue _____ por no tener empleo aun en Canadá. (His working visa was denied for not having a job yet in Canada.)

Answers

Here you can confirm if you got the answers right, remember that it's okay to make mistakes, don't lose sleep over a few mistakes, keep practicing every day!

1. Negar
2. Negó
3. Neguemos
4. Nieguen
5. Hubiese negado
6. Negara
7. Ha negado
8. Negado
9. Negarías
10. Negada

Fun fact

The title of this class refers to the origins of a person. In colonial times, each city and neighborhood had a church or a chapel devoted to a certain saint, the *patron* of that area. When saying that **you no niegas la cruz de tu parroquia** (you cannot deny the cross of your parish) it means that the people of that area act in a certain way (sociodemographic culture) or follow certain rites, and thus you are identifiable as a person belonging to that parish.

Nowadays, it actually has a negative connotation: vices from that area get attached to you, as happens with some famous areas in New York or Los Angeles.