

# Negative structures - grammar exercise

Complete the following sentences.

1. .... - I will look after you.

Not worry

Worry not

Don't worry

2. I liked the salad but I ..... the soup.

don't like

didn't like

didn't liked

3. It is important that she ..... what is happening.

don't realize

not realize

doesn't realize

4. You ..... Margaret - she already knows.

needn't tell

needn't to tell

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5. .... quick results when you start learning a new language.

Expect not

Not expect

Do not expect

6. It is important ..... waste your time.

to not

not to

to don't

7. You seldom work on Sundays, .....?

do you

don't you

didn't you

8. He has few reasons for quitting,  
.....?

has he

hasn't he

Either could be used here

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9. There is little point in asking him, .....

is there

isn't there

10. She doesn't work here, .....

does she

doesn't she

hasn't she

## Answers

1. Don't worry - I will look after you.

2. I liked the salad but I didn't like the soup.

3. It is important that she not realize what is happening. (Do is not used with negative subjunctives.)

4. You needn't tell Margaret - she already knows.

5. Do not expect quick results when you start learning a new language.

6. It is important not to waste your time.

7. You seldom work on Sundays, do you?

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8. He has few reasons for quitting, has he? (The words few, little and seldom have negative meanings, and hence they are followed by affirmative tags.)
9. There is little point in asking him, is there?
10. She doesn't work here, does she?