Sentence transformation: affirmative to negative

Change the following affirmative sentences into negatives.

In the simple present tense, we make negative forms by putting ‘not’ after ‘do’ or ‘does’.

Note that ‘do’ is used when the subject is a plural noun or pronoun. The first person pronoun ‘I’ also takes the verb ‘do’. ‘Does’ is used when the subject is a singular noun or pronoun.

In the simple past tense, we make negatives by putting ‘did not’ before the base form of the verb.

1. My sister ........................................ not live with my parents.
   do
   does

2. I ....................................... not know the answer.
   do
   does

3. I ........................................ not want to leave now.
   do
   does
Sentence transformation: affirmative to negative

4. My mother ____________________________ not work at a bank.

5. Supriya ______________________________ not sing very well.

6. Martin ______________________________ not get along with his brother-in-law.

7. The boy ______________________________ not kill the spider with his shoe.
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8. She ........................................ not recognize him at once.

did
had

9. He ........................................ not apologize for his conduct.

did
had

10. She ........................................ not throw a tantrum when she was told that she wouldn’t be able to go.

did
had

Answers

1. My sister does not live with my parents.

2. I do not know the answer.
Sentence transformation: affirmative to negative

3. I do not want to leave now.

4. My mother does not work at a bank.

5. Supriya does not sing very well.

6. Martin does not get along with his brother-in-law.

7. The boy did not kill the spider with his shoe.

8. She did not recognize him at once.

9. He did not apologize for his conduct.

10. She did not throw a tantrum when she was told that she wouldn’t be able to go.