

Expresiones afirmativas y negativas

Affirmative and negative expressions

- Affirmative and negative expressions are used in both English and Spanish. For this reason they are directly translatable.
- Affirmative expressions are used in affirmative statements and questions (any sentence or question that isn't negative) negative expressions are used in negative statements and questions.

Affirmative Expressions

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| • Algo | Something |
| • Alguien | Someone |
| • algún (a, os, as) | Some/any (obj/pers.) |
| • A veces | Sometimes |
| • Alguna vez | Ever |
| • Siempre | Always |
| • También | Also/too |
| • O | or |
| • O...o | Either...or |

Use

- Affirmative expressions are used in affirmative questions and statements.
 - ¿Tienes algunos amigos de Venezuela?
 - *Do you have any friends from Venezuela*
 - Sí, conozco a alguien de ese país.
 - *Yes, I know someone from that country*
 - ¿Qué vas a hacer cuando viene tu familia?
 - *What are you going to do when your family comes*
 - O vamos a ir al cine, o vamos a ir a la playa, si no llueve.
 - *Either we're going to the movies or we're going to the beach if it doesn't rain.*

Expresiones Negativas

- Nada *Nothing*
- Nadie *No one*
- Ningún (o, a) *None/no/any* (obj or pers)
- Nunca/jamás *Never*
- Tampoco *Either/neither*
- Ni *Nor*
- Ni...Ni *Neither...nor*

Use

- Negative expressions are used in negative statements or questions.
 - ¿No tienes ningún dinero?
 - No, no tengo nada.
- Spanish sentences can have more than one negative. The negative word can come before the verb replacing “no”. Or “no” can be used with the negative word coming after the verb.
 - Aquí no trabaja nadie.
 - Aquí, nadie trabaja.
 - Both: No one works here.

Algún, alguna, algunos, algunas

Algún...either comes before a noun or replace it. It agrees with the gender or number of

- Algún means “some” or “any”. It means “some” when used in a sentence. It means “any” when used in a question.
 - ¿Tienes algunas preguntas? Sí, tengo algunas.
 - Do you have any questions? Yes, I have some.
- When “algún” replaces a noun it means “some of them,” “any of them”.
 - Algunas personas son buenas. Algunas son malas.
 - Some people are good. Some are bad

alguno, alguna, algunos, algunas

- Alguno... can come before another noun (meaning “some/any”) or it can replace a noun (meaning “some of them”). It has to agree in gender and number with that noun:
 - Algunos amigos. Algunas manzanas.
- When used before a singular masculine noun, the “o” is dropped and an accent is added
 - Algunos amigos, algún amigo

Ningún, ninguno.

- Ningún/o/a, can either come before or replace a noun (meaning no, any, or none of them)
 - Ningún ser humano es perfecto.
 - No human being is perfect.
- Ninguno changes to Ningún before a singular masculine noun.
- While “alguno” can be plural. Ninguno can not.
 - ¿Conoces a algunos amigos de Silvia? –no, no conozco a ninguno
 - Do you know any of Silvia’s friends? No I don’t know any of them

Práctica ¿Cómo se dice?

- No one knows why the sky (el cielo) is blue.
- ¿Do you have any books on Quantum physics (física cuántica)? -no, we don't have any.
- ¿Is there anyone in the class right now. No, there's no one.
- Either I'm right, or I'm right.
- I don't mop floors, I don't wash dishes either.
- I need to go shopping, I don't have any carrots for the soup.
- I have some carrots if you need them