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AVOIR + negation Mme Murray

Conjugation of the verb AVOIR:

J’ **ai**  Nous **avons**

Tu **as** Vous **avez**

Il **a** Ils **ont**

Elle **a** Elles **ont**
On **a**

Translation of avoir:

J’ai = I have Nous avons = we have

Tu as = You (informal) have Vous avez = You all have OR you (formal) have

Il a = he has Ils ont = they have

Elle a = she has Elles ont = they (all girls) have

On a = “one” has, people in general have

**Negation – How to make something “negative”**

Negation does not mean something is “bad” – rather, it means the answer to a question is “no” or something is “not” happening/going on. Example: I have homework. 🡪 I do *not* have homework. The second sentence is *negative*.

To make something negative in French, you need two words: ***ne…pas*.**

The ***ne***and ***pas*** need to go AROUND the conjugated verb in the sentence.

Example: Tu as une carte. 🡪 Tu **n’**as **pas** de carte.

Notice that the **ne** became a **n’** because of the two vowels: **ne + vowel 🡪 n’**

**\*THIS METHOD CAN BE USED WITH ANY VERB, ANYTIME – Not just with AVOIR\***

Ex: J’aime = I like 🡪 je **n’**aime **pas** = I don’t like