

# Basic Transformations: Positive and Negative Sentences

## Class Direction:

- One class will be devoted for Basic Transformations: Positive and Negative Sentences.

## Affirmative/Positive sentences:

An affirmative sentence is a sentence that affirms (rather than negates) a proposition.

Example: He is honest.

## Negative sentences:

A negative sentence states something is not true or incorrect or presents some fact by using a negative word (e.g. no, not). A negative sentence can be formed when words like “no”, “not”, “do not” or “does not” is added to the sentence.

Example: Dogs do not chase after rats.

- **Interchange of affirmative and negative sentences:**

**(i) By way of using negative word with opposite adjectives, an affirmative sentence could be transformed into negative sentence:**

Affirmative: Man is mortal.

Negative: Man is not immortal.

Affirmative: Everyone distrusts a liar.

Negative: No one trusts a liar.

**(ii) By the way of changing degrees of comparison:**

Affirmative: He is as good as I am.

Negative: I am not better than he is.

Affirmative: As soon as the teacher arrived, the noise ceased.

Negative: No sooner did the teacher arrive than the noise ceased.

**(iii) There are also other ways to change an affirmative sentence to a negative sentence:**

Affirmative: Only the brave deserve the fair.

Negative: None but the brave deserves the fair.

Affirmative: He is too weak to walk.

Negative: He is so weak that he cannot walk.