

Chapter Five

The Negative Transformation

There are three cases for the negative transformation:

Case 1: When **there is more than one verb** in the verb phrase, **'Not' is attached to the first auxiliary**.

Example:

Not She past Can have been writing.

Rearrangement = She past **cannot** have been writing.

Result: She **could not** have been writing.

2. When **there is only verb to be** in the verb phrase, **'Not' is attached to verb to be**.

Example:

Not She past be her

Rearrangement = She past **be not** her

Result: She **was not** here.

3. When **there is only verb to do** in the verb phrase, **'Not' is attached to tense as a first step**, then **'do' is added to the tense**.

Example:

Not She past live here

Rearrangement = She **past not** live here.

Addition of 'do' = She **past do not** live here

Result: She **didn't** live here.