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Questions / Short Answers

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Tick which statements show *positive contrast*, *negative contrast* or *surprise*.

- 1 He's wearing your old hat! So he is!
- 2 He's looking for another job. Yes, but I'm not.
- 3 They aren't going abroad this year. No, but we are.
- 4 My sister has got long hair, but I haven't!
- 5 We've got a postcard from Aunt Mabel. So we have!
- 6 He's won first prize! So he has!
- 7 She's moving to London, but we aren't.
- 8 Sandra has dyed her hair. So she has!
- 9 They haven't finished the exercise. No, but I have.
- 10 I will go home early, but Jason won't.

positive contrast	negative contrast	surprise
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Decide if the statement after each exchange is *True (T)* or *False (F)*.

- 1 Kim: I love listening to rock music.
Debra: So do I.
T Debra loves listening to rock music.
- 2 Stewart: I don't enjoy going to the theatre.
Brian: Neither do I.
..... Brian enjoys going to the theatre.
- 3 Michael: I have never gone skiing before.
Kevin: Neither have I.
..... Kevin has never gone skiing before.

- 4 David: I have been to many countries in Europe.
Julia: So have I.
..... Julia hasn't been to many countries in Europe.
- 5 Rebecca: I'm going shopping in the city centre tomorrow.
Laura: So am I.
..... Laura is going shopping in the city centre tomorrow.

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Fill in the gaps with appropriate responses.

- 1 A: I didn't watch the football game on TV last night.
B: *Neither/Nor did I*. I wish I had, though.
- 2 A: I really enjoyed that novel.
B: It was fantastic.
- 3 A: I don't like broccoli.
B: I think it's disgusting.
- 4 A: I'm going to London next Saturday.
B: ! Perhaps we could travel together.

- 5 A: I've just bought a new mobile phone.
B: Mine has a camera.
- 6 A: I haven't got much free time these days.
B: I have to study for my exams.
- 7 A: I was sick all weekend.
B: I had a bad cold.
- 8 A: I can't wait for the summer holidays.
B: ! I'm going to Spain with my family.

Asking for permission / Making requests	Giving / Refusing permission / Answering requests
Can I / Could I make a phone call?	Yes, you can. / Yes, of course (you can). / No, you can't.
May I / Might I use your car?	Yes, you may. / Yes, of course (you may). / No, you may not. / I'd rather you didn't. / I'm afraid not.
Making suggestions / invitations	Answering suggestions / invitations
Will you / Would you / Would you like to have tea with me tomorrow? Shall we have tea tomorrow?	I'd like to. / I'd love to. / Yes, all right. / I'm afraid I can't. / I'd love to but I can't. / I'm sorry, I can't.
Making offers	Answering offers
Shall I/we, Can I/we, Would you like me to help you move the sofa?	Yes, please. / No, thank you. / No, thanks.

24 Fill in short answers, as in the example.

1 A: May I use your telephone?
B: *Yes, you may*, but don't talk for too long.

2 A: Will you have dinner with me tonight?
B: What about 6:30?

3 A: Shall I take your library books back for you?
B: I'm too busy to do it myself.

4 A: Would you like some sugar in your coffee?
B: I'm on a diet.

5 A: Would you like to come to Paris?
B: I don't have any other plans.

6 A: Shall we play golf today?
B: I've arranged to play squash.

7 A: Can I have some time off work?
B: I need you here at the moment.

So – Not

So and **not** can be used in short answers after: *think, hope, expect, suppose, I'm afraid, guess, it seems, say, tell sb, it appears, believe or imagine*.

I think so – I don't think so/I think not
I hope so – I hope not
I expect so – I don't expect so/I expect not
I suppose so – I don't suppose so/I suppose not
I'm afraid so – I'm afraid not
It appears so – It doesn't appear so/It appears not

It seems so – It doesn't seem so/It seems not
He says so/He said so – He didn't say so
He told me so – He didn't tell me so
I guess so – I guess not
I believe so – I don't believe so/I believe not
I imagine so – I don't imagine so/I imagine not

"Will they buy it?" "I **hope** so."

"Is he planning to retire?" "He **didn't** say so."

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Fill in the blanks with phrases using the verbs given and so or not.

1 A: She isn't coming then? (guess) B: ... <i>I guess not</i> It's already 10 o'clock.	4 A: Is it serious, doctor? (afraid) B: You'll need an operation.
2 A: Is he a good singer? (imagine) B: He's a very musical person.	5 A: Is David coming? (hope) B: Julie will be terribly disappointed if he doesn't.
3 A: Is Bill as tall as George? (think) B: George is far taller.	6 A: Have they caught the burglar? (believe) B: It seems they're still looking.



Speaking Activity

(asking questions)

John has just arrived at a sports summer camp. It is John's first year at the camp but his friend, Ken, has been there before. Ken is showing John around. Use question words from the list and the prompts below to ask and answer questions, as in the example.

how how much where why what
how long how many when which



- sports / we / practise? (three – rugby, football and basketball)
- your / favourite sport? (rugby)
- we / sleep? (in the dormitory)
- we / have to / get up? (7:00 am)
- free time / we / get / each day? (around 3 hours / in the evening)
- I / get to / the dormitory? (I / take / you there)

John: How many sports do we practise?

Ken: Three – rugby, football and basketball.



Writing Activity

John also asked Ken some other questions. Look at the prompts and write out his questions, also giving suitable replies.

- children / be / in the camp? (around one hundred)
- each practice session / last? (around an hour)
- we / eat / our meals? (in the canteen)
- eat / for lunch? (different dishes / serve / every day)
- the head coach's name? (Mr Hartman)
- we / get to / sports fields? (bus / drive us there)

How many children are in the camp?