Tip #8   NEGATIVES Pt. 2   否定 → 肯定

Basic Guidelines
The most common negative words used in English are "not" and "no".. However, these rather small words (only two or three letters) are often overlooked by readers all the more because it is so small and so commonly used.

He <u>made a conscious effort not to see</u> the boss.	_He <u>avoided</u> the boss._
The manager reacted quickly and <u>there was no</u> trouble.	_The manager reacted quickly and <u>averted</u> trouble._
He was not allowed to take the test because he <u>did not remember</u> to bring his official test admission ticket.	_He was <u>barred from</u> the test because he <u>had forgot</u> to bring his official test admission ticket._
The results <u>show that</u> the theory <u>is not true</u>.	_The results <u>contradict</u> the theory._
He <u>stated that he did not</u> behave unethically.	_He <u>denied</u> behaving unethically._ _He <u>denied</u> any unethical behavior._
Bob <u>felt that</u> the report <u>was not</u> objective.	_Bob <u>doubted</u> the objectivity of the report._
He <u>was not caught by</u> the police.	_He <u>escaped</u> the police._
Youth in their teens <u>were not included</u> in the sample (on purpose)	_The sample <u>excluded</u> youth in their teens._
Youth in their teens were not included in the sample. (inadvertently = by careless mistake)	_The sample <u>omitted</u> youth in their teens._

I do <u>not</u> understand the relevance.	*I <u>fail</u> to understand the relevance.*
We <u>do not have</u> the time to do a complete analysis.	*We <u>lack</u> the time to do a complete analysis.*
Humidity <u>was the reason that</u> successful test results <u>were not obtained</u>.	*The humidity <u>prevented</u> successful test results.*
Students must <u>not</u> cheat on a test.	*Students are <u>prohibited from</u> cheating on a test.*
My friend <u>said that he would not</u> help me.	*My friend <u>refused</u> to help me.*
The committee decided that the proposal <u>was not acceptable</u>.	*The committee <u>rejected</u> the proposal.*