

1. Total Negation (not at all, none)

Negative sentences

Sentence structure: S + 都 + 不/没(有) + V + O

Examples:

Xiǎo Zhāng hé Xiǎo Wén dōu bù shì zhōngxué lǎoshī.

小张和小文都不是中学老师。

Neither Little Zhang nor Little Wen is a middle school teacher.

Wǒ bàba hé wǒ māma dōu méiyǒu diànnǎo.

我爸爸和我妈妈都没有电脑。

Neither my father nor my mother has a computer.

Tāmén dōu bù xiǎngjiā.

他们都不想家。

None of them are homesick.

2. Partial Negation (not all of..., some but not all)

Sentence structure: S + 不/没有 + 都 + V + O

Examples:

Wǒmen bù dōu shì xīn yímín.

我们不都是新移民。

Not all of us are new immigrants.

Tā de péngyou bù dōu xué Yīngwén.

他的朋友不都学英文。

Not all of his friends study English.

Lǎoshī hé xuésheng méiyǒu dōu huílái.

老师和学生没有都回来。

Not all the teachers and students came back.