

## Mistake #5 Using “不 (bù)” to negate the verb “有 (yǒu)-to have”

Before we continue, remember this, you should NEVER EVER say “不有 (bù yǒu)” .

The verb “to have-有 (yǒu)” is verb with a VIP status. It deserves its own very special negation word which is “没 (méi)” . To say “not have” , you should say “没有 ( méi yǒu )” . You should never say “不有 (bù yǒu)” . There is no such a thing!

### Examples

English	Pinyin	Chinese
I <b>don' t have</b> siblings. (lit. I not have siblings.)	wǒ <b>méi yǒu</b> xiōng dì jiě mèi 。	我 <b>没有</b> 兄弟姐妹。 我 <b>沒有</b> 兄弟姐妹。
She <b>doesn' t have</b> a boyfriend. (lit. She <b>not have</b> boyfriend.)	tā <b>méi yǒu</b> nán péng yǒu 。	她 <b>没有</b> 男朋友。 她 <b>沒有</b> 男朋友。