



# Higher order negation/La negations 3





# Class Objective

To learn how to use negative expressions such as ne ..... guerre (hardly), ne.....que(only), aucun(e) (none of them), n'importe qui(anyone), n'importe où (anywhere), n'importe quel (anyone)



### Concept A: ne....guère (hardly)

Now to say hardly, we will use:

ne + verb + guère

1. Il **ne** travaille **guère.** 

(He hardly works.)

2. Il ne mange guère.

(He hardly eats.)

3. Nous **ne** buvons **guère** de vin.

(We hardly drink the vine.)

4. Il n'y a guère de pain dans la maison.

(There is hardly any bread in the house.)



## Concept A: ne....guère (hardly)

• The other way to say hardly is à peine.

Tu sais nager? - You know how to swim.

• À peine. - Hardly.



#### **Concept B: Only**

To say only we use the word **ne.... que** .

It is used as **ne+Verb+que** in a sentence.

Que replaces pas in a negative sentence.

Unlike pas, que can move its place in compound tense, to stress on a

particular thing or idea. Like in the below sentences 3,4,5,6.

1. Je n'ai qu'une fille.

(I have only one daughter.)

2. Tu ne rêves que de tes vacances.

(You only dream of your vacation.)



#### **Concept B: Only**

- 3. Elle n'a que fait un gâteau.
  - (She only made one cake. All she did was to make a cake.)
  - 4. Elle n'a fait qu'un gâteau.
  - (She made only one cake.- She did not make anything else.)
- 5. Nous n'avons que mangé les sucreries.
  - (We only are sweets All we did was to eat the sweets.)
- 6. Nous n'avons mangé que les sucreries.
- (We did not est anything else but sweets.)



