Multibhashi

Negation

Class Objective

To understand more about negating sentences with negative articles

Concept A: Revision of negation done in A1.1

Let us look at some below examples:

- Haben Sie das Fieber Thermometer? (have you got the thermometer?)

  Ich habe es nicht [I have not got it]

- Haben Sie eine Versicherungskarte? [Have you got the insurance card?]

  Ich habe kein Versicherungskarte [I haven’t got a card]

So from the above examples, you can understand that, when the noun has a definite article, the negative participle **nicht** is used. When the noun has an indefinite article or o article, the negative particle **kein** is used.

Concept B: nicht or nichts

Nicht makes a sentence negative. **Nichts** stands for a nominative or Akkusativ complement.

Examples:

- Yuki hat den schwarzen Tee getrunken [Yuki has drunk black tea]

Negativ mit nicht:

Yuki hat den schwarzen Tee nicht getrunken [Yuki hasn’t drunk any tea.]

Concept B: nicht or nichts

Examples:

- Yuki möchte etwas trinken [Yuki would like something to drink]

Negative mit nichts:

Yuki möchte nichts trinken [Yuki doesn't want to drink anything]

- Hast du etwas auf dem Flug gegessen? (Did you eat anything on the flight?)

Negativ mit nicht:

Ich habe nichts auf dem Flug gegessen.(I ate nothing on the flight.)

Concept C: Additional words of negation

nie/niemals - never

Er ruft nie an

Er ruft niemals an

Niemand/keiner : Nobody/no one

Both words can be declined in different cases.

Nominative: niemand

Genitive: niemandes

Dative: niemandem

Accusative: niemanden

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