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## No vs Not

### NO

\* **No** answers a yes/no question.

"No, the president wasn't surprised by the results of the election."

\* **No** precedes a noun that has **no article**.

The research institute had no worthy rivals in the nation.

\* **No** can be used before a noun that is preceded by an adjective, as in the above example, but it is not used before *any, much, many, or enough*.

No decisions have been made regarding hospital expansion.

These were astounding medical breakthroughs with no precedent in history.

### NOT

\* **Not** precedes a noun that has **an article**.

The virus is not the source of the outbreak.

\* **Not** precedes "any," "much," "many," or "enough."

Not many doctors have enough time to spend more than 30 minutes with patients.

There is not much budget left for another clinical trial.

\* **Not** makes a verb negative.

They do not want to proceed with the experimental study.