

# 3. Negations

## 3.1. *Not*: contradicting content

### 3.1.0. Overview

In this chapter, we direct our attention to *negation*, the second of the logical forms we will consider.

#### 3.1.1. Connectives

Negation is a way of forming sentences from sentences, so it is a connective even though it does not serve to connect sentences.

#### 3.1.2. Contradictory propositions

The meaning of negation is closely tied to the idea of a contradictory pair of sentences.

#### 3.1.3. Negation in English

Although *not* is the chief way of expressing negation in English, there are others.

#### 3.1.4. Negated conjunctions and conjoined negations

When we combine negation with conjunction, we obtain a wide range of further forms, some of them important enough to deserve names.

#### 3.1.5. Some sample analyses

Analyzing sentences may involve recognizing not only the presence of negation and conjunction but also the way they are combined.