

Beyond the Basics of くない

~ Splitting < form and ない with particle は for contrast

おいしくはない not delicious (but...)

おいしくはないけど、体にいいよ。 This isn't delicious, but it's good for you.

悪くはないよ！ It's not bad (but...)

!□!□It's easy to think of ーくない and ーくありません as units, but remember that they are in fact two separate components: < form + a negative word. Because of this, they can be separated by the particle は to give a nuance of contrast.



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