1. The sentences in each pair mean the same. Which sentences are more natural?

* I hope Alice isn’t coming.
* I don’t hope Alice is coming.
* I think you haven’t met my wife.
* I don’t think you’ve met my wife.
* I believe it won’t rain.
* I don’t believe it will rain.

1. Are these sentences unnatural in conversation: yes (Y) or no (N)?
2. I believe not.

* Y
* N

1. I don’t believe so.

* Y
* N

1. I suppose not.

* Y
* N

1. I don’t suppose so.

* Y
* N

1. I think not.

* Y
* N

1. I don’t think so.

* Y
* N

1. I hope not.

* Y
* N

1. I don’t hope so.

* Y
* N

1. Formal (F), normal (N) or wrong (W)?
2. The dog seems not to like you.

* F
* N
* W

1. She wants not to speak to anybody.

* F
* N
* W

1. I don’t expect to see her for some time.

* F
* N
* W

1. Are statements A–E true: yes (Y) or no (N)?

Don’t tell them nothing.

1. The sentence is incorrect.

* Y
* N

1. In standard English, the sentence means ‘Tell them something’.

* Y
* N

1. In all varieties of English, the sentence means ‘Tell them something’.

* Y
* N

1. In many dialects, the sentence is correct and means the same as ‘Don’t tell them anything’.

* Y
* N

1. Nobody would ever say this sentence.

* Y
* N

1. Emphatic (E), normal (N) or wrong (W)?
2. She was happy nowhere.

* E
* N
* W

1. She wasn’t happy anywhere.

* E
* N
* W

1. Not anywhere was safe.

* E
* N
* W

1. Nowhere was safe.

* E
* N
* W

1. Right (R) or wrong (W)?
2. She hasn’t got much chance, **I don’t think** .

* R
* W

1. I wonder whether I **oughtn’t** to go and see the doctor.

* R
* W

1. Right (R) or wrong (W)?
2. Somebody answer the phone, please. I’m busy.

* R
* W

1. You just sit down and relax for a bit.

* R
* W

1. You take your hands off me!

* R
* W

1. Right (R) or wrong (W)?
2. Don’t you touch that bag or I’ll call the police.

* R
* W

1. You don’t touch that bag or I’ll call the police.

* R
* W

1. Don’t anybody say a word.

* R
* W

1. Anybody don’t say a word.

* R
* W