

Uses of **Quīn**

1. Origin of **Quīn**
 - 1.1. **Quīn** is a contracted conjunction (viz. **quī + nē**) with negative force
2. Summary of Use
 - 2.1. Where used explicitly, **quīn** may be translated **why not**, but is otherwise more subtle mechanic for the sentence, and translations will vary case to case
 - 2.2. All translations of **quīn** will carry **negative force**
 - 2.3. **Quīn** initiates a subjunctive or (rarely) an indicative clause
 - 2.3.1. Subjunctive clauses may be attached to particular verbs (3) or function as clauses of result or characteristic (4)
 - 2.3.2. Indicative clauses will work as commands (6)
3. **Quīn** with Hindering, Resisting and Refusing
 - 3.1. **Quīn** produces the subjunctive where it follows **negative** statements of hindering, resisting, refusing, doubting, failing, neglecting, delaying, etc.
 - 3.1.1. e.g. I could *not* resist, I did *not* doubt, She did *not* delay
 - 3.2. He does not doubt you said these things: **nōn dubitāt quīn haec fāta sīs.**
 - 3.3. I could not neglect to write to you: **praeterīre nōn potuī quīn scriberem ad tē.**
 - 3.4. She does not object to your judging: **nōn recūsat quīn iūdicēs.**
 - 3.5. He just missed killing Varus: **paulum āfuit quīn Vārum interficeret.**
 - 3.6. There is no doubt that he wants to kill him: **nōn est dubium quīn eum interficere velit.**
4. **Nōn Dubitō** as Exception
 - 4.1. **Nōn dubitō**, where it means **I do not doubt**, takes the standard construction above (3.2; 3.6)
 - 4.2. **Nōn dubitō**, where it means **I do not hesitate**, may take the standard construction **or** (commonly) an infinitive
 - 4.2.1. **Nōn dubitō illum appellāre sapientem:** I do not hesitate to call him a sage
 - 4.3. Very rarely, verbs of hindering will also take the infinitive
 - 4.3.1. There is nothing to prevent saying it: **nihil obest dicere**
5. **Quīn** with Result and Characteristics Clauses
 - 5.1. Where **quīn** has literal equivalency, (meaning **quī nē**, etc.), it will initiate a **subjunctive** clause of **result** or **characteristic**
 - 5.2. No one is so senseless as not to think this: **nēmō est tam dēmēns quīn hōc putāret.**
 - 5.3. There was not one of these soldiers who was not wounded: **nēmō fuit militum quīn vulnerārētur.**
 - 5.4. Not one of them was not a senator: **nēmō illōrum fuit quī nōn senātus esset.**
6. **Quīn** with Commands
 - 6.1. **Quīn** may move with **imperative** force, with an **indicative** verb, and should be translated **why not?**
 - 6.2. Why not take it: **quīn accipis?**
 - 6.3. Why not listen to her: **quīn eam nōn audītis?**

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Famous Phrase: **facere nōn possum quīn cofīdiē ad tē mittam**
(I cannot help writing to you every day.)

[Cicero, *Epistulae ad Atticum*, xii.27.2]