

# Avoiding Double Negatives

When two negative words are used in the same sentence, it is called a **double negative**. Double negatives should be avoided, as only one negative word is needed to express a negative idea.

**DOUBLE NEGATIVE:** I don't have no friends.

**CORRECT:** I don't have any friends.



**DIRECTIONS:** Find the double negative in each sentence. Rewrite the sentence so that it has only one negative.

1. I don't have no reason to complain, but I still do.
2. Jane hasn't hardly even acknowledged me today.
3. I don't not think that you forgot about our project.
4. I have never eaten at no restaurant that serves exotic animals.
5. Calling your mother won't do you no good.
6. I don't have no time today for your foolishness.
7. Nobody with any taste isn't going to like your artwork.
8. I can't find that map nowhere.
9. We haven't neither seen nor heard from Joey all afternoon.
10. You can't hear nothing in this auditorium.