**Negative Pairs**

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

**DIRECTIONS:** Choose the sentence from each pair that is written correctly.

_____ 1. A. Paul doesn’t have no time for you.  
    B. Paul doesn’t have any time for you.

_____ 2. A. That man hasn’t ever had any sense.  
    B. That man hasn’t Never had any sense.

_____ 3. A. Those boys don’t hardly know what is going on.  
    B. Those boys don’t know what is going on.

_____ 4. Some people were not paying attention.  
    Some people weren’t not paying attention.

_____ 5. A. The clothes on the rack aren’t never on sale.  
    B. The clothes on the rack aren’t ever on sale.

_____ 6. A. We didn’t seldom see each other anymore.  
    B. We seldom see each other anymore.

_____ 7. A. None of these people don’t have cars.  
    B. None of these people have cars.