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Double Negatives: Other Negative Words

Only one negative word is needed to express a negative idea in a sentence.

When two negative words are used in the same sentence, it is called a **double negative**.

Common negative words are *no*, *not*, *none*, *nothing*, *never*, *nobody*, *nowhere*, *neither*, and contractions using *not*.

There are also less common adverbs that express negative ideas.

Double Negative: There are **hardly no** cookies left.

Correct: There are **hardly** any cookies left.

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2. You can hardly tell there was no damage to the bumper!

3. Max gave away his candy until there was barely nothing left.

4. Dakota seldom never forgets to recharge her phone at night.

5. The mouse left scarcely no sign that it had been in the shed.

6. Little didn't Sam know that his friends were planning a surprise.

ANSWER KEY

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Read the sentences below. Circle the words that make each sentence a double negative. Then write a corrected sentence on the line below.

Note: Answers may vary. One possible answer is given for each question.

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