Grammar
Double Negatives 4

- A **double negative** is a statement containing **two** negative words. It is **not** part of standard English and should be avoided.
- To correct a double negative, remove one of the negative words or change one of the negative words to a positive word.

**INCORRECT:** We can’t let nobody know about this secret tambrin sauce recipe.  x
(2 negative words in the sentence)

**Correct:** We can’t let anybody know about this secret tambrin sauce recipe.  ✓
(change a negative word to a positive word to have only 1 negative word in the sentence)

**OR**

**Correct:** We can let nobody know about this secret tambrin sauce recipe.  ✓
(only 1 negative word in the sentence)

Directions: Rewrite the following sentences to eliminate the use of double negatives.

1. I haven’t told nobody about your secret hideout.

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2. This guava jam isn’t sold nowhere else on this island.

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3. I can’t never forget when we went to Exuma.

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4. I cannot find my sand dollar nowhere.

5. My best friend Aaliyah wouldn’t talk to nobody when she is upset.

6. When my dog Boomer was sick he couldn’t eat nothing.

7. Donna doesn’t have no more time to practice her junkanoo dance.

8. The teacher hasn’t given us no homework today.

9. My grandfather said I never hear nothing he says.

10. I don’t want help from nobody.