Grammar
Double Negatives 3

- A **double negative** is a statement containing **two** negative words. It is not part of standard English and should be avoided.
- A **negative** is a word that means ‘no’, such as never, not, nobody, nowhere and contractions with n’t (examples: don’t, wouldn’t, couldn’t, hasn’t…)

**INCORRECT:** Nobody never came to my pool party. \(\times\) (2 negative words in a sentence)

**Correct:** Nobody ever came to my pool party. \(\checkmark\) (only 1 negative word in the sentence)

OR

**Correct:** Nobody came to my pool party. (only 1 negative word in the sentence)

A. Underline the correct word to complete each sentence.

1. Eric hasn’t (never, ever) gotten a bad grade in Spelling.

2. We won’t go (nowhere, anywhere) on the weekend.

3. Antonio can’t read (nothing, anything) without his glasses.

4. Won’t (none, any) of these suggestions work for the Science project?

5. Don’t (never, ever) use a broken or damaged glass jar to drink lemonade.

B. Write whether each of the following sentence is **correct** or have a **double negative**.

6. Those books are none of mine. __________________________

7. I never go nowhere without buckling my seatbelt. __________________________

8. I haven’t never heard that song on the radio. __________________________

9. Little Nas X said “Can’t nobody tell me nothing.” __________________________

10. That silly clown can hardly make anyone laugh. __________________________