



Choosing The Correct Negative

Directions: Each pair of sentences says the same idea, but one version contains a **double negative** and the other does not. Circle the letter (A or B) of the **better sentence** (the one without the double negative).

1.

A. I don't need no help carrying the presents.
 B. I don't need any help carrying the presents.

2.

A. She hasn't never traveled to the mountains in winter.
 B. She has never traveled to the mountains in winter.

3.

A. We didn't see nothing under the Christmas tree.
 B. We didn't see anything under the Christmas tree.

4.

A. He can hardly wait for the New Year's fireworks.
 B. He can't hardly wait for the New Year's fireworks.

5.

A. They don't want nobody to miss the holiday concert.
 B. They don't want anybody to miss the holiday concert.

6.

A. I have never eaten gingerbread cookies before.
 B. I haven't never eaten gingerbread cookies before.

7.

A. The kids couldn't go anywhere because of the snowstorm.
 B. The kids couldn't go nowhere because of the snowstorm.

8.

A. We didn't hear nothing when the bells rang.
 B. We didn't hear anything when the bells rang.

9.

A. She doesn't want any more decorations on the tree.
 B. She doesn't want no more decorations on the tree.

10.

A. I don't have no plans for winter break.
 B. I don't have any plans for winter break.