

Spot and Fix Double Negatives Answer Key

1. **don't / no** → Correct: *I don't need any help with my science project.*
2. **hasn't / never** → Correct: *She has never seen a shooting star before.*
3. **didn't / nothing** → Correct: *They didn't do anything during the class activity.*
4. **doesn't / nobody** → Correct: *He doesn't want anybody to miss the bus.*
5. **couldn't / hardly** → Correct: *We could hardly hear the speaker at the assembly.*
6. **hasn't / no** → Correct: *The team hasn't won any games this season.*
7. **don't / no** → Correct: *I don't want any more pizza after dinner.*
8. **didn't / nobody** → Correct: *The kids didn't see anybody on the playground.*
9. **doesn't / no** → Correct: *She doesn't have any pencils left in her desk.*
10. **haven't / never** → Correct: *I have never read that book before.*

Teacher Notes / Guide

- **Key Point:** Double negatives don't make a sentence stronger—they usually make it confusing.
- **Correction Strategy:** Replace the second negative with a positive form (*no* → *any*, *nothing* → *anything*, *nobody* → *anybody*, *never* → *ever*), or remove one negative.
- **Extension Idea:** After students rewrite the sentences, have them explain why the correction makes the sentence clearer. This builds metacognitive grammar awareness.