

Double Negative Rewrite Answer Key

1. **don't / no** → Correct: *I don't have any pencils in my desk.*
2. **never / nothing** → Correct: *She never saw anything strange in the old house.*
3. **can't / hardly** → Correct: *We can hardly wait for the show to start.*
4. **doesn't / nothing** → Correct: *He doesn't know anything about the project.*
5. **didn't / nobody** → Correct: *They didn't see anybody in the park that night.*
6. **don't / no** → Correct: *I don't want any more candy before dinner.*
7. **couldn't / nothing** → Correct: *We couldn't find anything to watch on television.*
8. **doesn't / no** → Correct: *She doesn't need any help finishing her work.*
9. **didn't / nothing** → Correct: *He didn't say anything about the surprise party.*
10. **can't / nowhere** → Correct: *I can't find my keys anywhere.*

Teacher Notes / Guide:

- **Double negatives** happen when two negative words are used in the same sentence, which makes the meaning unclear or incorrect.
- Common negative words include: *no, not, never, nobody, nothing, nowhere, don't, can't, doesn't, couldn't.*
- The fix usually involves changing one of the negatives into a positive word (*no* → *any*, *nothing* → *anything*, *nobody* → *anybody*).
- Reinforce that standard English requires just **one negative word per idea**.