

Fix the Negatives Answer Key

1. I don't need any extra help with my homework.
2. He has never been to the zoo before.
3. They didn't do anything during recess.
4. She can't find her book anywhere in the classroom.
5. We don't want any trouble after the game.
6. I can hardly hear the teacher from the back row.
7. He doesn't know anything about fixing cars.
8. We haven't seen anybody at the playground yet.
9. She didn't hear anything when the phone rang.
10. I don't have any idea what to write for my essay.

Teacher Notes / Guide:

- **Common fix strategy:** Replace words like *no*, *nothing*, *nobody*, *nowhere* with *any*, *anything*, *anybody*, *anywhere*.
- Sometimes you can remove one of the negatives (*hasn't never* → *has never*).
- Emphasize to students that in formal writing and speaking, **double negatives weaken clarity** and can cause confusion.
- As an enrichment, have students **create their own incorrect double negative sentences** and then swap with a partner to fix.