

Sort the Negatives Answer Key

Correct Usage

- 2. *I don't have no plans for the winter break.*
- 4. *The children never forgot to hang their stockings.*
- 6. *We didn't see anybody waiting for Santa.*
- 7. *They never said anything about holiday travel plans.*
- 10. *The neighbors haven't decorated their house yet.*

Incorrect Usage (Double Negatives)

- 1. *I don't want no fruitcake at the holiday party.*
- 3. *We couldn't find nothing under the Christmas tree.*
- 5. *He can't hardly wait for the New Year's fireworks.*
- 8. *Grandma doesn't bake no cookies during the holidays.*
- 9. *She hasn't wrapped any gifts yet.*

Teacher Notes / Guide:

- **Double negatives** confuse meaning by canceling each other out (e.g., *don't want no* should be *don't want any*).
- Encourage students to correct each "Incorrect Usage" sentence after sorting. For example:
 - *I don't want no fruitcake* → *I don't want any fruitcake.*
- This holiday theme makes the grammar lesson more engaging and relatable for students.