

Name _____ **Double Negatives**



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Some prefixes like un-, in-, ir-, etc. mean “not.” Using a word with a negative prefix in a sentence that already contains a negative word could accidentally create a double negative. There are usually several ways to correct a double negative.

INCORRECT: Jacob isn't too irresponsible for a job.
(Irresponsible means “not responsible.”)

CORRECT: Jacob is too irresponsible for a job.
Jacob isn't responsible enough for a job.

DIRECTIONS: Rewrite each sentence to get rid of the double negative.

1. Hank isn't dissatisfied with his grade.
2. I don't see any inconsistency in their stories.
3. Elsa didn't dissuade me from trying.
4. Anxiety is not uncommon among dogs.
5. Frank's savings aren't insubstantial.
6. Allen's not irredeemable.
7. George isn't incommunicado; I haven't heard from him.
8. Don't disassemble that and we'll put it in its box.

