

Name _____ **Double Negatives**



Negative Adverbs

The following adverbs have a negative connotation:

barely	rarely	seldom	hardly
little	never	only	scarcely

Using one of or a similar word along with another negative word in a sentence (like *no* or *not*) can accidentally create a double negative. For example:

INCORRECT: Paul never didn't ask for a kiss.

CORRECT: Paul never asked for a kiss.
Paul didn't ask for a kiss.

DIRECTIONS: Rewrite to correct the double negative.

1. We hadn't barely get started when the bell rang.
2. Henry hasn't scarcely studied all year.
3. That family hasn't little to give.
4. We won't only invite Jim.
5. Ryan seldom not goes to the movies.

