

Name _____ **Double Negatives**



The Double Negative

When two negative words are used in the same sentence, it is called a double negative. Since the two negatives contradict each other, double negatives can be confusing and should be avoided. Only one negative word is needed to express a negative idea.

Choose the correct word(s) to complete each sentence.

1. Joe didn't bring (no / any) trail mix
2. He didn't expect (any / none) of the things that happened.
3. He (couldn't / could) not believe the view.
4. No one has ever seen (a/no) view like this.
5. Joe drank (neither/either) water nor Gatorade while hiking.
6. Joe and his father didn't have (no / any) specific destination.
7. We haven't heard (no/any) news about when they will return.
8. Joe isn't (ever/never) going to want to come home.
9. It isn't (helpful/unhelpful) to have a heavy pack.
10. Joe says he wouldn't trade (anything/nothing) for hiking.

