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Double Negatives

Negatives express the opposite of something.

Only one negative word is needed to express a negative idea.

When two negative words are used to express the same idea in a sentence, it is called a **double negative**.

Double negatives should be avoided. They make ideas unclear.

Positive

I do have a cat.

Negative

I do **not** have a cat.

Double Negative

I do **not** have **no** cat.



the negative words or change one of the negative words into a positive.

Double Negative

I **don't** want **no** chocolate ice cream.

Possible Corrections

I **don't** want chocolate ice cream.

I **don't** want any chocolate ice cream.



Common Negative Words

no, not, none, nothing, never, nobody, nowhere, neither, and contractions using not

Common Positive Words

any, anything, anybody, anywhere, ever, either