Unit 10 B

Complex Negative Sentences

Text builder complex negative sentences

Negative sentences are easier to understand if you try to rephrase them:

*He had **no one** to trust **but** his parents.* = He **only** trusted his parents.

*He was **never unsure** of what to do.* = He was **always sure** of what to do.

*His **lack of** money was a problem.* = He **didn't have** any money, and that was a problem.

*Worrying **does little to** solve problems.* = Worrying **doesn't really** solve problems.

Complete the second sentence with two words so that it means the same as the first.

1 I've never exactly been out of shape.

I've _____ in pretty good shape.

2 She had no one to blame but herself.

She could _____ herself.

3 Her only problem was her lack of confidence.

Her only problem was that she _____ any confidence.

4 Of course, the job is not without disadvantages.

Of course, the job _____ disadvantages.

5 Raising the price of gas does little to reduce traffic congestion.

Raising the price of gas _____ reduce traffic congestion.