

Practice 20.4I Using Negatives Correctly

Read the sentence. Then, write the word in parentheses that makes each sentence negative without creating a double negative.

EXAMPLE: I haven't (ever, never) been to Italy.

ANSWER: ever

1. I (will, won't) never be than my brother.
2. We (do, don't) want anything to spoil the day.
3. He will not do (anything, nothing) to correct the problem.
4. Why hasn't (anybody, nobody) answered yet?
5. Since she moved to Hawaii, my cousin doesn't (ever, never) get home for Thanksgiving.
6. I cannot see (anyone, no one) in this fog?
7. Dean (should, shouldn't) never have gone out in such cold weather.
8. Aren't there (any, no) scrambled left?
9. She is going (anywhere, nowhere) without me.
10. I couldn't read (any, none) of the small print without my glasses.

PRACTICE 20.4J Revising to Correct Double Negatives

Read the sentences. Then, rewrite each sentence to correct the double negative.

EXAMPLE I haven't seen none of those movies.

ANSWER I haven't seen any of those movies. OR I have seen none of those movies.

1. I can't do nothing about it.
2. There isn't nobody who can replace you.
3. I wouldn't have let no one bother you.
4. There weren't no birds in the nest.
5. Wasn't he never going to Stop talking?