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Double Negatives and Multiple Clauses

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

Sentences can have more than one clause. As long as each clause has only one negative, the sentence is not a double negative.

Correct: There is **no** paper, so we **can't** make copies.

There are two negatives in different clauses. The sentence is okay.

Incorrect: There **isn't no** paper, so we **can't** make copies.

There are two negatives in one clause. The sentence is a double negative.



2. They must leave early since they can't do nothing about any traffic.

3. As long as there isn't no line, Mr. Johnson wants to eat at the airport.

4. Cassie hasn't never flown before, so she's not sure what to expect.

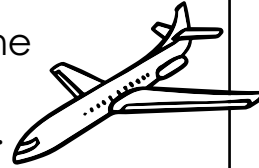
5. She's also never been in taxi cab, but that isn't as exciting.

6. They aren't flying nowhere far, but Cassie doesn't care.

ANSWER KEY

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Read the sentences below. Circle the negative words. If there is only one negative word in a clause and the sentence is correct, write "correct" on the line. If there is a double negative, rewrite the sentence correctly.



Note: Answers may vary. One possible answer is given for each question.

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