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## Double Negative

**No, not (n't), nowhere, nothing, no-one, never** are negative words. In this sentence there are **two** negatives. **She never goes nowhere.** It is incorrect to put **two negatives** in a sentence.

### Task 1

In these sentences **underline the negative words**. Tick the sentences with one negative (✓) and put a cross (X) after the sentences with two negatives.

1. My aunty never goes nowhere for her holidays.
2. I have not got any money for my bus fare.
3. We were not doing nothing at all.
4. I looked for my shoes but could not find them nowhere.
5. Don't you never go to the cinema?
6. We couldn't get any milk as the shop was shut.
7. Won't you come and visit me next week?
8. There is not nothing to worry about.



### Task 2

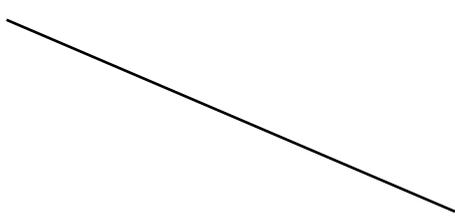
Match up the negative words with their opposite positive word.

#### negative word

nothing  
nowhere  
no  
no one  
never

#### positive word

any  
ever  
anyone  
anywhere  
anything



### Task 3

Underline the negatives in each sentence and rewrite each one correctly.

1. There isn't no milk left in the fridge.  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Dad doesn't need no help with the washing.  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. You never win nothing on the lottery.  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. She wasn't making no noise as she crept up the stairs.  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. He doesn't want to play no more.  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. She didn't do nothing wrong.  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Task 4

Choose 4 of these sentences and rewrite them as a positive sentence. For example: There is milk left in the fridge. This is the positive version of question one in Task 3.

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## Standard English

When English began to be printed nearly 600 years ago rules were developed so that everyone would write it in the same way. We call this 'Standard English'.

**Standard English** is used in **books** and **written work**.

**Non-standard English** is often used when **people are speaking**.

'I haven't got no pencils!' is **non-standard English**.

'I haven't got any pencils' is **standard English**.



### Task 1

Rewrite these sentences in Standard English.

1. What's 'e doin'?

2. I don't want no trouble from you

3. I ain't got no money for me bus fare.

4. Me and Jean done our homework like real good.

5. These sums are like real hard.

6. I dunno what she's doin'.

7. The baby wer real good.

8. We wasn't doin' nuthin wrong!

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_

### Task 2

Correct the underlined words so that the paragraph is written in **standard English**.

Me and my friend was walking home from school and when we come round the corner we seen some cows in the middle of the road. We didn't know if they was fierce or what. They was like massive. We couldn't do nothin' for shakin. Then this bloke came wiv a trailer. He were the farmer what owned the cows. He loaded them up dead easy and off they went. The road were a right mess afterwards!

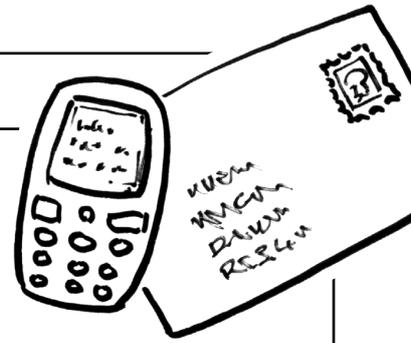
### Task 3

Think of **three examples of your own of non-standard English** as in task one above. Write them down and ask a friend to correct them.

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## Proof Reading



### Task 1

*This letter is badly written, there are no full stops or commas, there are no capital letters and one or two slang expressions. Find the mistakes and copy the passage below correctly.*

dear emma  
how are you all hows jims new job were fine but baby james has a cold as usual i was wondering if you and the family want to come over on saturday for a barbecue if the weathers bad weve got a dvd of the incredibles so the kids can watch that while we chat hope to see you then  
love  
julie

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### Task 2

*Change these text messages into correctly written and punctuated English.*

Hi how r u want 2 go for a walk call 4 me in half hour judy

Seen emma 2day she got new boots ther well nice comin round later?

Sat doin nuthin want to watch tv got a simpsons dvd call me

Done ur homework yet me + carly done maths dead hard ellie

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### Task 3

*Make up three text messages of your own and ask a friend to correct them.*