



Recognising double negatives - answers

Each of these sentences contains a double negative. Re-write each sentence so that it makes sense and only contains one negative.

Each sentence has two possible correct answers:

1. George **doesn't** listen to **no-one**.

Correct answer: George **doesn't** listen to **anyone**.

Or: George **listens** to **no-one**.

2. They'll **never** make **no** money when they go into business.

Correct answer: They'll **never** make **any** money when they go into business.

Or: They'll **make no** money when they go into business.

3. Khadija **hasn't** met **nobody** who can spell her name properly.

Correct answer: Khadija **hasn't** met **anybody** who can spell her name properly.

Or: Khadija **has** met **nobody** who can spell her name properly.

4. That attitude **won't** get you **nowhere**.

Correct answer: That attitude **won't** get you **anywhere**.

Or: That attitude **will** get you **nowhere**.

5. It **isn't no** big deal that I've lost my job.

Correct answer: It **isn't any/a** big deal that I've lost my job.

Or: **It's no** big deal that I've lost my job.

6. Make sure you **don't** get into **no** trouble.

Correct answer: Make sure you **don't** get into **any** trouble.

Or: Make sure you get into **no** trouble.

7. Derrick **shouldn't** have **nothing** to do with his cousin.

Correct answer: Derrick **shoudn't** have **anything** to do with his cousin.

Or: Derrick **should** have **nothing** to do with his cousin.