

Name \_\_\_\_\_ **Double Negatives**



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Some prefixes like un-, in-, ir-, etc. mean "not." If you use a word with a negative prefix in a sentence that already contains a negative word, you might accidentally create a double negative. There can be more than one way to correct a double negative.

**INCORRECT:** This change is not impermanent.  
(Impermanent means "not permanent.")

**CORRECT:** This change is not permanent.  
This change is impermanent.

**DIRECTIONS:** Rewrite each sentence to get rid of the double negative.

1. I don't have a distaste for sweets, so I don't eat them.
2. There isn't any imbalance here. Let's fix it.
3. I didn't disagree with that course of action. Let's do something else.
4. Red hair is not uncommon. Few people have it.
5. John's savings are not insignificant. He's not good with money.
6. It's not nonsense, and I won't listen to it.
7. The cake wasn't irresistible, and I ate three pieces.
8. Please don't disregard that email. I sent it by accident.