



Negative Words

Some words have a negative connotation: barely, rarely, never, seldom, hardly, etc. If you use them along with another negative word in a sentence, you can accidentally create a double negative. For example:

INCORRECT: My baby sister hasn't barely started crawling.

CORRECT: My baby sister has barely started crawling.
My baby sister hasn't started crawling.

DIRECTIONS: Rewrite each sentence below to correct the double negative.

1. I haven't never had a cavity.
2. We don't hardly eat in restaurants.
3. Jim hasn't barely started his homework.
4. We won't rarely take that route.
5. He doesn't seldom wake up early.
6. They haven't never cooperated with us.