The Double Negative

When two negative words are used in the same sentence, it is called a **double negative**. Double negatives can be confusing and should be avoided, as only one negative word is needed to express a negative idea.

Choose the correct word(s) to complete each sentence.

- 1. She doesn't have (no/any) grandchildren.
- 2. The final plan included (any/none) of my great ideas.
- 3. No one (didn't believe/believed) my story.
- 4. No one has reported finding (a/no) purse.
- 5. I drink (neither/either) soda nor lemonade.
- 6. We don't have (nothing/anything) specific to do today.
- 7. I haven't heard (no/any) news about my brother.
- 8. The boys aren't (ever/never) going to calm down.
- 9. It isn't (helpful/unhelpful) to never get the correct information.
- 10. That name doesn't mean (anything/nothing) to me.



