

Monster Grammar! Double Negatives #6

A **double negative** is a statement which contains two negative words. If two negatives are used in the same sentence, the sentence takes on the opposite meaning.

some negative words: no, not, nobody, nothing, none, never, can't, couldn't, didn't, haven't, nowhere, hardly, scarcely, barely, only

Circle the word in parentheses that best completes the sentence.

- **1.** The huge, slimy monster (couldn't, could) hardly fit under the child's bed.
- 2. "I won't go to (no, (any) monster mash with you!" said the angry teen monster.
- 3. The baby monster's sharp teeth (were) were not) barely noticeable.
- 1. I can't find my bag of bones (anywhere), nowhere).
- 5. The two cyclops (could) couldn't) barely see eye to eye.
- 6. Haven't you eaten (any) no) little children today?
- 7. The ogre couldn't eat (anything) nothing) that wasn't human.

Monster Joke! Little Monster:

I don't like my teacher!

Mama Monster:

Well, you have to eat everything on your plate or you won't get dessert.