Riverside Community College
Writing and Reading Center
Direct Learning Activity 60.10

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RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DIRECTED LEARNING ACTIVITY:
AVOIDING DOUBLE NEGATIVES

1. Go to: http://leo.stcloudstate.edu/grammar/doubneg.html

2. Answer the following questions:
   A. When were double negatives considered acceptable emphatic constructions?
   ____________________________________________________________.

   B. Two negative grammatical constructions result in a _____________.

   C. List five (5) examples of negative word forms:
   __________   __________   __________

   D. The use of double negatives is not considered proper or standard in English. T / F

3. Re-write the sentences from the “Exercise” to eliminate the double negatives.
   1) ___________________________________________________________.
   2) ___________________________________________________________.
   3) ___________________________________________________________.
   4) ___________________________________________________________.
   5) ___________________________________________________________.
   6) ___________________________________________________________.
   7) ___________________________________________________________.
   8) ___________________________________________________________.
   9) ___________________________________________________________.

4. Take this sheet to a tutor or instructor on duty for a review of your sentences. Correct any
   errors and determine why they were made. Finally, ask this person to sign below.

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   Signature                          Date

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