

Negative words and the pronouns **I**, **me**, **they**,  
and **them** follow specific usage rules.

A **negative** is a word that means *no* or *not*. Use only one negative in a sentence.

**Correct:**

*I **don't** have a costume for the party.*

*I have **no** costume for the party.*

**Incorrect:**

*I **don't** have **no** costume for the party.*

Use **I** and **they** in the subject.

***I** like to play soccer.*

***They** are visiting Florida.*

Use **me** and **them** in the predicate or after a preposition.

*Arnie wants **me** to help him.*

*One of **them** is the winner.*

Name yourself last.

*Pete and **I** have a new dog.*

*Mom gave it to Pete and **me**.*

# What Should I Say?



**A** Fill in the missing words in these sentences. Use **I** or **me**.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ am learning how to figure skate.
2. Aunt Margaret wants \_\_\_\_\_ to weed her garden.
3. Kenny and \_\_\_\_\_ like to go fishing together.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ need to write a thank-you note to my grandmother for the nice present she sent \_\_\_\_\_.

**B** Fill in the missing words in these sentences. Use **they** or **them**.

1. Will you help \_\_\_\_\_ paint the fence?
2. Can \_\_\_\_\_ stay a little while longer?
3. The farmer let \_\_\_\_\_ ride his horses.
4. When \_\_\_\_\_ act like clowns, it makes me laugh.

**C** Write two sentences about yourself and a friend. Use **I** in one of the sentences. Use **me** in the other sentence.

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# Double Negatives

**A** Rewrite these sentences correctly.

1. Do not do that no more.

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Weren't there no cookies left?

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Why doesn't he never do his homework?

\_\_\_\_\_

4. This does not look like nothing I've ever seen before.

\_\_\_\_\_

5. She didn't have no lunch today.

\_\_\_\_\_

6. Why can't he never get here on time?

\_\_\_\_\_

**B** Write your own sentences using these negative words.

(not) \_\_\_\_\_

(never) \_\_\_\_\_

(none) \_\_\_\_\_

(nothing) \_\_\_\_\_

# Detect Errors

If the sentence is written correctly, write **correct** on the short line. If there is an error in the sentence, rewrite the sentence correctly.

**1.** I and my mom are going to the mall on Saturday. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**2.** I hope we don't have no homework tonight. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**3.** My friends and I are having a sleepover this weekend. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**4.** Kelly is going to the movies with Kim and I. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**5.** These tomatoes don't taste no good in my salad. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**6.** Let's invite them two new kids to play with us at recess. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**7.** Mrs. Brown gave the football to me and Jason. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**8.** Me and Todd go swimming at the YMCA every Saturday. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_