

## Did You Get It? Presentación de gramática

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### ¡AVANZA!

**Goal:** Learn affirmative and negative words and how to use them correctly.

### Affirmative and negative words

- Study the following sentences, paying attention to the boldfaced words.

No quiero **nada**. (*I don't want **anything**.* → Literal translation: *I do **not** want **nothing**.*)

No estudio **nunca**. (*I don't study **ever**.* → Literal translation: *I do **not** study **never**.*)

No hay **nadie**. (*There **isn't anyone**.* → Literal translation: *There is **not no one**.*)

**EXPLANATION:** Unlike English, Spanish not only allows you to use double negatives, it requires them! Study the pairs of affirmative and negative words below.

<b>algo</b> ( <i>something</i> )	↔	<b>nada</b> ( <i>nothing</i> )
<b>alguien</b> ( <i>someone</i> )	↔	<b>nadie</b> ( <i>nobody</i> )
<b>algún / alguno(a)</b> ( <i>some</i> )	↔	<b>ningún / ninguno(a)</b> ( <i>none, not any</i> )
<b>o... o</b> ( <i>either . . . or</i> )	↔	<b>ni... ni</b> ( <i>neither . . . nor</i> )
<b>siempre</b> ( <i>always</i> )	↔	<b>nunca</b> ( <i>never</i> )
<b>también</b> ( <i>also</i> )	↔	<b>tampoco</b> ( <i>neither, either</i> )

- Study the sentences, paying attention to the boldfaced words.

¿Conoces **a alguien** en ese restaurante? (*Do you know **anyone** at that restaurant?*)

No, no conozco **a nadie** ahí. (*No, I don't know **anyone** there.*)

**EXPLANATION:** Use **a** before **alguien** or **nadie** when they are *objects* of the verb.

- Study the dialogue, paying attention to the boldfaced words.

—¿Quieres **algún** postre? (*Do you want **any** dessert?*)

—No, no quiero **ningún** postre. (*No, I don't want **any** dessert.*)

**EXPLANATION:** **Alguno(a) / ninguno(a)** become **algún / ningún** before a masculine singular noun.