AFFIRMATIVE AND NEGATIVE WORDS

Spanish II
In Spanish, special words are used to talk about indefinite or negative situations.
The following words are used to talk about indefinite situations:

- Algo: something
- Alguien: someone
- Algún/Alguno(a): some
Here are some more words to talk about indefinite situations:

Siempre always
También also
The following words are used to talk about negative situations:

- Nada: nothing
- Nadie: no one
- Ningún/Ninguno(a): none, not any
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- Here are some more words to talk about negative situations:
  - Nunca  never
  - Tampoco  neither/either
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- Alguno(a) and ninguno(a) have different forms depending on the kind of words with which they are used.
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- **Alguno** and **ninguno** must agree in gender with the noun they replace or accompany.
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- When *alguno* and *ninguno* are followed by a masculine singular noun use:
  - algún
  - ningún
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- Make *alguna* and *ninguna* match with the following noun:

  chico

  algún chico

  ningún chico
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Make **alguno** and **ninguno** match with the following noun:

maestra

alguna maestra

ninguna maestra
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- In Spanish, when the word “no” comes before the verb, the words that follow the verb must also be negative. A double negative is required when “no” is placed before the verb.
• Double negative:

Yo no como nada
para el almuerzo.

I’m not eating anything
for lunch.
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- If a negative word, like **nunca** or **nadie**, precedes the verb the double negative is not used.
  
  *Yo nunca canto.*
  
  *I never sing.*

  *Nadie en la clase habla italiano.*
  
  *No one in class speaks Italian.*