**Negative and Affirmative Words**

* Negation means using negative words in a sentence.
* Like English, most negative words begin with the letter N.
* Unlike English, the Spanish language uses double negatives in sentences.

no-- not

nunca – never siempre-always

tampoco – neither, not either también-also

nada – nothing, not anything algo-something

nadie – nobody, not anybody alguien-somebody

You can begin any sentence with any negative word. However, when you have a sentence with the word **no** in the beginning and the words **ever, either, anything**, or **anybody** are used later in the sentence, you often use a second negative word. You CANNOT have an affirmative and negative word in the same sentence.

Examples:

**Nunca** voy a la playa. = **No** voy a la playa **nunca**.

I never go to the beach. = I do not go to the beach ever.

**Tampoco** yo vuelvo. = Yo **no** vuelvo **tampoco**.

I am neither coming back. = I am not coming back either.

**Nadie** viene a la fiesta. = **No** viene **nadie** a la fiesta.

Nobody comes to the party. = There is not anyone coming to the party.