

Presentación de GRAMÁTICA

AVANZA!

Goal: Learn affirmative and negative words and how to use them correctly. Then use them to talk about restaurant offerings and to discuss your plans for the weekend. *Actividades 6–9*

English Grammar Connection: To express a negative idea in English, you often use a **negative word** followed by an **affirmative word**. In Spanish, negative ideas sometimes require two **negative words**, called a **double negative**.

Affirmative and Negative Words

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Indefinite words refer to non-specific people, things, or situations and can be **affirmative** or **negative**. How do you use them in Spanish?

Here's how:

Affirmative Words		Negative Words	
algo	<i>something</i>	nada	<i>nothing</i>
alguien	<i>someone</i>	nadie	<i>no one</i>
algún/alguno(a)	<i>some</i>	ningún/ninguno(a)	<i>none, not any</i>
o... o	<i>either . . . or</i>	ni... ni	<i>neither . . . nor</i>
siempre	<i>always</i>	nunca	<i>never</i>
también	<i>also</i>	tampoco	<i>neither, either</i>

Alguno(a) and **ninguno(a)** have different forms before masculine singular **nouns**.

alguno becomes **algún**

ninguno becomes **ningún**

¿Quieres **algún** filete?
*Do you want **some** steak?*

No, no quiero **ningún** plato con carne.
*No, I do **not** want **any** dish with meat.*

A **double negative** is required in Spanish when **no** comes before the verb. Indefinite words that follow **no** must be negative.

No veo **nada**. *I do **not** see **anything**.*

When **alguien** or **nadie** is the object of a verb, it is preceded by the personal **a**.

¿Conoces **a alguien** de España?
*Do you know **anyone** from Spain?*

No, no conozco **a nadie** de España.
*No, I do **not** know **anyone** from Spain.*

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