

g) Combination of negatives

1. Negatives cancelling or reinforcing each other?

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a/ For each pair, observe both sentences and answer the questions:

- εἰς μάχην μὲν γὰρ οὐδὲ ἤλπισεν ἐπεξιέναι οὐδένα (Thucydides, *Historiae*).

εἰς μάχην μὲν γὰρ οὐδένα ἤλπισεν οὐκ ἐπεξιέναι.

▷ In which sentence is it said that he hoped everybody to go to battle?

- οὐκ ἀπέκτεινε δὲ οὐδένα (Antiphon, *Tetralogia*).

οὐδένα οὐκ ἀπέκτεινε.

▷ In which sentence is it said that he killed everybody?

- οὐκ ἄρ' οὐδεὶς σ' ἠδίκηει (Euripides, *Cyclops*).

οὐδεὶς ἄρ' οὐ σ' ἠδίκηει.

▷ In which sentence is it said that nobody harmed him?

- τούτων οὐδεὶς οὐκ ἀπεῖπεν πώποτε, οὐκ ἐκώλυσε (Demosthenes, *Contra Eubulidem*).

τούτων οὐκ ἀπεῖπεν οὐδεὶς πώποτε, οὐκ ἐκώλυσε οὐδεὶς.

▷ In which sentence is it said that nobody prevented him?

- οὐκ οἶδεν οὐδεὶς (Euripides, *Ion*).

οὐδεὶς οὐκ οἶδεν.

▷ In which sentence is it said that everybody knows it?

b/ Put the negatives given in brackets in the correct order so that the sentence means what is indicated in English:

- ἐβούλετο τοῦτον ὁμοιοκέναι τὸν ὄρκον τῶν αὐτοῦ συμμάχων
(Demosthenes, *De Falsa Legatione*). [οὐ, οὐδένα]

Nobody wanted to swear.