Negative Polarity Items  
(illustrated with *not*)

I *(don't) have any.  
[but NOT any as Subject, e.g. Anyone can do that, which is Modal Polarity.]
I *(don't) ever see him. [ever = *anywhen]
He would*(n't) budge.
He did*(n't) have a red cent.
He has*(n't) been here
in weeks/ages/the longest time.
He may *(not) arrive until noon.
[until with punctual predicates]
I *(don't) have much time left.
I *(don't) have many days left.
He has*(n't) arrived yet.
You need*(n't) stare at him.
We dare *(not) disturb him.
[need & dare as modals]
I *(don't) like that at all.
It’s *(not) that easy any more.
He’s *(not) all that smart.
[be all that + adjective/adverb]
He’s *(not) too bright. [too = very]
*(Don’t) bother to close/closing the door.
That should*(n’t) last long, be long,
take long. [but NOT a long time]
I can*('t) seem to understand him.
I would*(n’t) care to fight with her.
I would*(n’t) mind fighting with her.
I *(don't) know but that/what he’s right.
They *(don't) drink a drop, do a thing,
give a damn/shit, lift a finger,
bat an eye, eat a bite, ... [V+minimal D.O.] They can*('t) help themselves.
They can*('t) help thinking of that.
I saw *(no) people there to speak of.

Negative ‘Triggers’  
(illustrated with *any*)

I. Overt negatives:  
A. not  [w/ NPI clausemate or complement]
He did*(n’t) know anybody.
He did*(n’t) claim (that) he knew anybody.
He did*(n’t) think (that) he knew anybody.
B. Incorporated negatives
I doubt (that) he knows anybody.
It’s unlikely (that) he knows anybody.
It’s improbable (that) he knows anybody.
He dislikes anybody(’s) reminding him.
He prevented her (from) seeing anybody.
I kept her from telling anybody.
C. Negative frequency adverbs
I seldom/rarely see any of them.
He hardly/scarcely knows anyone.
D. Quantifiers & quantified adverbs
Only Bill did any of the homework.
(*A) Few people see any use for it.

II. Questions (overt and embedded)
Did you see anybody?
How does anybody stand this?
I wonder how anybody stands this.

III. Hypothetical clauses
Tell me if you see anybody.
He asked whether I saw anyone.
Tell me whatever anybody says.
Check the list again, lest we forget anyone.
I’ll read it aloud, unless anyone objects.

IV. Comparatives, superlatives, etc.
There’s more/less here than anybody knew.
He prefers beer to any other drink.
He’d rather die than hurt anyone.
He’s as good as anyone expected.
He’s the fastest one (that) anybody knows of.
I saw him before anybody (did).
I’m surprised (that) he knows anybody.
It’s too dark to recognize anything.
He left without anybody noticing (it).
That’s hard for anybody to do.