

"Everything", "Anything", "Each" and "Every"

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Exercise 1 – Learning

Everything

'Everything' refers to all the persons, places or things involved in an action. It is followed by a singular verb.

• Everything looks different.

Anything

In a positive sentence, 'anything' means 'all things'.

• I will do **anything** for you.

In a negative sentence, 'anything' means 'nothing at all'.

$$not + anything = nothing$$

• I don't know anything about it.

In a question, 'anything' means 'something' or 'any thing (even something small or insignificant)'.

• Is there **anything** that I can do to help?



Each

We use 'each' to refer to individual things in a set or group:

Each apple costs \$1.

Since 'each' refers to individual things, it is followed by a singular verb.

- Each + singular noun: Each uncle gave me a present for my birthday.
- Each of + plural noun: Each of my uncles gave me presents for my birthday.

Every

We use 'every' to refer to a group of similar people or things:

Every library I have been to is quiet.

Since it refers to one group, it is followed by a singular verb.

• Every boy in the class went to the party.

Unlike 'each', 'every' does not refer to two things in a set:

- There are five fingers on **each** hand. (*On each of your hands*)
- There are five fingers on **every** hand. (*On everyone's hands*)



Exercise 2 – Fill in the Blanks

Fill in the blanks with everything, anything, each, or every. There can be more than one correct answer.

1. We were not hungry, so we did not eat
2. At first, I had a hard time adjusting to the food in China was so spicy
3 dish was spicy.
4. I wondered, "Is there here that is not spicy?"
5. I didn't have to eat.
6. I still don't know about this country.
7 day, I learn something new about this country.
8 of the girls was given a gift.



Exercise 3 – Sentence Construction

Answer the following questions using everything and anything.

Example: Is there anything you didn't understand? \rightarrow I understood everything.

Content:

- 1. Is there anything you need?
- 2. Is there anything you don't know?
- 3. Is anything wrong?
- 4. Is there anything you don't like?
- 5. Is there anything you still have to do?
- 6. Is there anything you don't eat?