

# Indefinite Pronouns

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- Is anybody home?
- Where is everybody?
- There doesn't seem to be anybody here
- There's nobody home
- It seems everybody is out
- I didn't tell anyone
- No one can bake a pie like grandma
- I haven't eaten anything all day

# **Sentences**

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# What are indefinite pronouns?

- We use indefinite pronouns to refer to people or things without saying exactly who or what they are
  - We use indefinite pronouns to refer a person, thing, or place that is not known or specified.
  - An indefinite pronoun does not refer to any specific person, thing or amount. It is vague and "not definite"
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- Specific
  - There is **something** under the table.
- Questions when you believe the answer is positive.
  - Did you say **something**?
- Possitive statement
  - There is **somebody** in the kitchen.
- Request
  - Can you send **someone** to help me?
- Offer
  - Would you like **something** to drink?

# **SOME+(ONE/THING/WHERE)**

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- (-)(?)
- Negative statements
  - I don't know **anybody** in this party.
- Information questions. When you have no idea if the answer will be positive or negative
  - Is there **anybody** home?
- Positive statements, referring to people in general.
- The identity of the person doesn't really matter.
  - **Anyone** can be a hero.
- General
  - Your keys could be **anywhere**.

# **ANY+(ONE/THING/WHERE)**

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- We use these pronouns to refer to an absence of people, things, and places.
- NONE OF SOMETHING
- (-)
- Affirmative sentences:
  - **Nobody** knows the truth.
- **DON'T** use in negative sentences



I want nothing.      I don't nothing.  
No quiero nada.      No quiero nada.

**NO+(ONE/THING/WHERE)**

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### *people (-body or -one)*

**somebody or someone**

**anybody or anyone**

**nobody or no-one**

☐ There is **somebody** (or **someone**) at the door.

☐ Is there **anybody** (or **anyone**) at the door?

☐ There isn't **anybody** (or **anyone**) at the door.

☐ There is **nobody** (or **no-one**) at the door.

**-body and -one are the same: somebody = someone, nobody = no-one etc.**

### *things (-thing)*

**something**

**anything**

**nothing**

☐ Lucy said **something**, but I didn't understand what she said.

☐ Are you doing **anything** at the weekend?

☐ I was angry, but I didn't say **anything**.

☐ 'What did you say?' 'Nothing.'

### *places (-where)*

**somewhere**

**anywhere**

**nowhere**

☐ Ruth's parents live **somewhere** in the south of England.

☐ Did you go **anywhere** interesting for your holidays?

☐ I'm staying here. I'm **not** going **anywhere**.

☐ I don't like this town. There is **nowhere** to go.



People

Things

Places

some-

any-

no-

every-



- We use these pronouns to refer a completed number of people, things, and places.
- ALL OF SOMETHING
- (+)ALL
- Affirmative sentences:
  - Everybody came to the party. (All of the people on the guest list came to the party.)
- Negative sentences
  - I can't be everywhere.
- Questions
  - Is everyone in the car?

# **EVERY+(ONE/THING/WHERE)**

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## everybody (or everyone) / everything / everywhere

**everybody or everyone**

(people)

**everything**

(things)

**everywhere**

(places)

- ☐ **Everybody** (or **Everyone**) needs friends.  
(= all people need friends)
- ☐ Have you got **everything** you need?  
(= all the things you need)
- ☐ I lost my watch. I've looked **everywhere** for it.  
(= I've looked in all places)

Use a *singular verb* after **everybody/everyone/everything**:

- ☐ **Everybody has** problems. (*not Everybody have*)

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# EXERCISES

**78.1 Write these sentences again with nobody/no-one or nothing.**

- 1 There isn't anything in the bag.
- 2 There isn't anybody in the office.
- 3 I haven't got anything to do.
- 4 There isn't anything on TV.
- 5 There wasn't anyone at home.
- 6 We didn't find anything.

There's nothing in the bag.

There's .....

I .....

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**78.2 Write these sentences again with anybody/anyone or anything.**

- 1 There's nothing in the bag.
- 2 There was nobody on the bus.
- 3 I've got nothing to read.
- 4 I've got no-one to help me.
- 5 She heard nothing.
- 6 We've got nothing for dinner.

There isn't anything in the bag.

There wasn't .....

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#### 78.4 Complete the sentences. Use:

**nobody / no-one / nothing or anybody / anyone / anything**

- 1 That house is empty. Nobody lives there.
- 2 Jack has a bad memory. He can't remember anything.
- 3 Be quiet! Don't say .....
- 4 I didn't know about the meeting. .... told me.
- 5 'What did you have to eat?' '..... I wasn't hungry.'
- 6 I didn't eat ..... I wasn't hungry.
- 7 Helen was sitting alone. She wasn't with .....
- 8 I'm afraid I can't help you. There's ..... I can do.
- 9 I don't know ..... about car engines.
- 10 The museum is free. It doesn't cost ..... to go in.
- 11 I heard a knock on the door, but when I opened it, there was ..... there.
- 12 The hotel receptionist spoke very fast. I didn't understand .....
- 13 'What are you doing tonight?' '..... Why?'
- 14 Helen has gone away. .... knows where she is. She didn't tell  
..... where she was going.

### 79.3 Write somebody/anything/nowhere etc.

- 1 It's dark. I can't see anything.
  - 2 Tom lives somewhere near London.
  - 3 Do you know ..... about computers?
  - 4 'Listen!' 'What? I can't hear .....
  - 5 'What are you doing here?' 'I'm waiting for .....
  - 6 We need to talk. There's ..... I want to tell you.
  - 7 'Did ..... see the accident?' 'No, .....
  - 8 We weren't hungry, so we didn't eat .....
  - 9 'What's going to happen?' 'I don't know. .... knows.'
  - 10 'Do you know ..... in Paris?' 'Yes, a few people.'
  - 11 'What's in that cupboard?' '..... It's empty.'
  - 12 I'm looking for my glasses. I can't find them .....
  - 13 I don't like cold weather. I want to live ..... warm.
  - 14 Is there ..... interesting on television tonight?
  - 15 Have you ever met ..... famous?
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#### 79.4 Complete the sentences. Choose from the boxes.

something	anything	nothing
something	anywhere	<del>nowhere</del>
somewhere		nowhere

do	eat	park	sit
drink	<del>go</del>	read	stay

- 1 We don't go out very much because there's nowhere to go.
- 2 There isn't any food in the house. We haven't got .....
- 3 I'm bored. I've got .....
- 4 'Why are you standing?' 'Because there isn't .....'
- 5 'Would you like .....?' 'Yes, please – a glass of water.'
- 6 If you're going to the city centre, take the bus. Don't drive because there's  
.....
- 7 I want ..... I'm going to buy a magazine.
- 8 I need ..... in London. Can you recommend a hotel?



#### 80.4 Write everybody/everything/everywhere.

- 1 .....Everybody..... needs friends.
- 2 Chris knows ..... about computers.
- 3 I like the people here. .... is very friendly.
- 4 This is a nice hotel. It's comfortable and ..... is very clean.
- 5 Kevin never uses his car. He goes ..... by motorcycle.
- 6 Let's get something to eat. .... is hungry.
- 7 Sue's house is full of books. There are books .....
- 8 You are right. .... you say is true.

#### 80.5 Complete the sentences. Use one word only each time.

- 1 Everybody ..... has ..... problems.
- 2 Are you ready yet? Everybody ..... waiting for you.
- 3 The house is empty. Everyone ..... gone out.
- 4 Gary is very popular. Everybody ..... him.
- 5 This town is completely different now. Everything ..... changed.
- 6 I got home very late last night. I came in quietly because everyone ..... asleep.
- 7 Everybody ..... mistakes!
- 8 A: ..... everything clear? ..... everybody know what to do?  
B: Yes, we all understand.