GRAMMAR indefinite pronouns

A Find and underline the indefinite pronouns in the article in READING B.

"Everywhere I go people always ask me what my trick is, but I never tell anyone the secret of my act. Nobody knows."

B Read the sentences and choose the correct option to complete the grammar rules.

Everywhere I go, people always ask me what my trick is.
We have to make sure nobody gets hurt.
Then, someone asked me to help.
I never tell anyone the secret of my act.
Everybody can see everything.

1 *Everywhere* means all places / one or two places.
2 *Nobody* means some people / no people.
3 *Someone* means a specific person / an unknown person.
4 If the verb or adverb is negative, use anyone / someone.
5 *Everything* means all things / all people.

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UNIT 3 — indefinite pronouns: *any, some, no, every + one/body/thing/where*

Form and function

We use indefinite pronouns when we are talking about a thing, person, or amount in a nonspecific way.
Use *any–* in questions or negative statements. *I don't want to do anything.*
Any– is used when it's not certain if a person, place, or thing exists. *Is anyone there?*
Any– is also used to refer to all persons, places, or things. *Anyone can do it.*

Indefinite pronoun	Means ...	Example
everything	all things	I love everything about Paris!
everybody	all people	Everybody likes Anna.
everyone	all people	Everyone knows you.
everywhere	all places	They go everywhere together.
nothing	no things	There was nothing in his wallet.
nobody	no people	Nobody told me the news.
no one	no people	No one lives here.
nowhere	no places	This is like nowhere on Earth.
something	an unknown thing	I think I heard something.
somebody	an unknown person	Somebody heard us. Run!
someone	an unknown person	Someone is watching them.
somewhere	an unknown place	I need to go somewhere quiet.
anything	non-specific things	Can you see anything?
anybody	non-specific people	I don't know anybody here!
anyone	non-specific people	There isn't anyone I can ask.
anywhere	non-specific place	Is there anywhere we can go?

C Read the paragraph and choose the correct option.

Before he became known to **1** someone / everyone / anyone as James Bond, the actor Pierce Brosnan worked as a street entertainer in London. He was training to become an artist, but he met **2** somewhere / someone / something who showed him the art of fire-eating. Soon after Brosnan started performing, **3** nobody / everybody / somebody who worked as a circus agent saw his act and thought it was amazing. Brosnan performed his fire-eating trick on the TV show *Muppets Tonight*. **4** Nobody / Everyone / Everything knows exactly how it happened, but there was a problem with the fire-eating trick and Pierce got serious burns. In true James Bond style, he didn't let **5** anyone / everybody / nobody know he was hurt until the end of the show.

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A Complete the text with indefinite pronouns from the box.

anyone anyone everyone no one something something

Last summer, I wanted to do **1** _____ a little different for my vacation. My friends were all away, and there was **2** _____ to hang out with. **3** _____ was posting on social media about what a cool time they were having, so I decided to do **4** _____ cool, too. I joined a summer camp for young people who wanted to learn about the art of street entertaining. At first, I felt nervous because I didn't know **5** _____ there. After a few days, I loved it. I learned how to juggle and also learned some neat magic tricks. Did **6** _____ have as good a vacation as I did? I doubt it!

B Identify the mistakes and rewrite the sentences correctly.

1 When I first moved here, I didn't know someone. _____

2 Anyone seemed to have their own friends, so it was hard to meet people.

_____

3 I felt lonely and decided I needed to do anything about it.

_____

4 I looked around everything for clubs I could join. _____

5 Finally, I found anything I was interested in—a video gaming club.

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6 I really love this club. Someone is so friendly! _____

D IN PAIRS How popular are the types of entertainment in the box? Discuss. Use indefinite pronouns.

going to a music concert	going to a sports event	playing board games	watching TV
going to a play	going to the movies	playing video games	

A: I know someone who likes ...
B: I think everyone likes ...
A: Nobody spends much time ...
B: I don't know anyone who likes ...

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