

Some- & any- & no- & every-

- 1 something/anything = a thing
 somebody/anybody = a person
 someone/anyone = a person
 somewhere/anywhere = a place

- 2 We usually use something, somebody, someone and somewhere in sentences:

Something is burning. (= I can smell burning. I don't know what is burning.)
I'm going to have something to eat. (= I'm going to eat; I don't know what I'm going to eat.)
Somebody told me that it was a good film.
 (= A person told me it was a good film. I can't remember who told me.)
She lives somewhere in the north.

- 3 We usually use anything, anybody, anyone and anywhere in sentences, and in :
I didn't know anyone at the party. (= There were no people at the party who I knew.)
I couldn't find my bag anywhere.
 (= I couldn't find my bag in any place.)
Did you understand anything she said?

- 4 nothing = not anything
 nobody/no one = not anybody/not anyone
 nowhere = not anywhere

We use nothing, nobody, no one and nowhere before or after verbs:

Nothing makes Joe unhappy. (= There isn't anything that makes Joe unhappy.)
There's nothing I want to watch on TV.
Nobody was there when I arrived.
There is nowhere that I would prefer to live than here. (= There isn't anywhere ...)

- 5 everything = all things
 everybody/everyone = all people
 everywhere = all places

We use everything, everybody, everyone and everywhere before or after verbs:
Everyone likes music.
I've done everything I can.

- 6 Note that we use a verb after all these words:
Nothing is wrong.
Everyone was friendly.

- 7 We can use else after something, anybody, nowhere, everyone, etc.:
Let's talk about something else.
 (= Let's talk about a different subject.)
I didn't tell anybody else.
 (= I didn't tell another person.)
There is nowhere else I can look for it.

- 8 We can also use an adjective (e.g. wrong, nice) after something, anything, etc.:
Have I said something wrong?

Put in the correct word from the box in each gap.

anything	nobody	everything	somebody (x2)	somewhere
nothing	everywhere	something	anyone	everyone

- She didn't say *anything*..... about her job when I spoke to her
- phoned you today, but he didn't tell me his name.
 - I'm sure you'll find it in the house if you keep looking.
 - I had to go to the cinema on my own because I couldn't find to go with me.
 - She said that was fine and she was very happy.
 - Can I speak to you for a moment? I want to discuss with you.
 - Unfortunately, I couldn't help. There was I could do about the problem.
 - I looked but I couldn't find it.
 - She married she met when she was a student.
 - was out of the office so there was to answer the phone.

Choose the correct verb form in brackets ().

- ▶ I'm afraid I don't know..... (know/don't know) anything about this subject.
- ▶ I rang the doorbell but nobody was..... (was/wasn't) in.
- 1 I asked a lot of people, but nobody (knew/didn't know) the answer.
- 2 I (have seen/haven't seen) anything so lovely before in my life!
- 3 I (ate/didn't eat) anything for lunch yesterday.
- 4 Nothing interesting (has happened/hasn't happened) since the last time I spoke to you.
- 5 He loves football. Nothing else (is/isn't) important to him.
- 6 She (said/didn't say) anything about her plans for the future.

Change each of these sentences into a sentence with the same meaning.
Use the word in brackets () with the underlined adjective or with *else*.

- ▶ A strange thing happened yesterday. (something)
Something strange..... happened yesterday.
- ▶ Let's listen to some different music. (something)
Let's listen to something else.....
- 1 Is there an interesting programme on TV tonight? (anything)
Is there on TV tonight?
- 2 You won't find better food in any other place. (anywhere)
You won't find better food
- 3 Is there a cheap place we can go for lunch? (anywhere)
Is there we can go for lunch?
- 4 Let's sit in a different place. (somewhere)
Let's sit
- 5 I'd like a hot drink. (something)
I'd like to drink.

Put the right form of a word beginning with *some-*, *any-*, *no-* or *every-* into the conversation.

- Dennis: Have you read (▶) anything..... interesting lately?
- Sarah: Yes, (1)..... lent me a novel last week and I really enjoyed it.
- Dennis: What was it about?
- Sarah: It was about (2)..... who goes to visit Australia. She likes to go (3)..... alone. While she's travelling around on her own, (4)..... terrible happens to her. She loses (5)..... – including her passport and all her money. She doesn't know (6)..... who can help her, and she's got (7)..... to stay.
- Dennis: What happens then?
- Sarah: I'm not going to tell you (8)..... else! You should read the book yourself.
- Dennis: It sounds like a very depressing book! I'd prefer to read (9)..... funny.
- Sarah: No, read it. It's great fun. And (10)..... wonderful happens at the end.

Complete this email from Monica to her friend Sarah by putting in *something*, *anything*, etc. If there is a word in brackets, also use that word.

Hi Sarah,

I've got something interesting⁰ (interesting) to tell you but you mustn't tell
¹ (else) because it's a secret. Clare has split up with Michael and she's
 seeing² (new). His name's Toby and she says he's a builder, but she
 hasn't told me³ (else) about him. That's a surprise isn't it? She didn't
 say⁴ to me about problems with Michael before this happened and
⁵ (else) was expecting it to happen – we were all very surprised.

Well, apart from that,⁶ (else) is normal and⁷ (unusual)
 has happened since I last wrote to you. I haven't been⁸ (exciting) and I
 haven't done⁹ (different) from the usual routine.¹⁰ is
 quite boring in my life. I hope¹¹ (good) happens soon.

Love to¹² in your family.

Monica

Antonio is a student in England, living with a host family. Correct these things he says to his host family by changing the underlined words and phrases.

- 0 I went to some nice shops today but I didn't buy nothing anything in them.
- 1 I don't want nothing else to eat, thank you.
- 2 I spoke in English but nobody didn't understand what I said.
- 3 I went to a café and I went to another places too.
- 4 I'm not going to go nowhere tonight, I'm going to stay here.
- 5 I like these biscuits more than the one we have at home.
- 6 I met anyone today who has been to my home town.
- 7 I don't usually buy a newspaper but I bought a one today.
- 8 We had other teacher today because our usual teacher was ill.
- 9 I think I said wrong something when I was in the shop.
- 10 There isn't nothing to watch on TV tonight.