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	-thing	-body	-one
some-	something	Somebody	someone
any-	anything	Anybody	anyone
every-	everything	Everybody	everyone
no-	Nothing	nobody	no one

Difference between every-, some-, any-, no-

INDEFINITE PRONOUN	USAGE	EXAMPLE
everything everybody/everyone	every individual in a group, all together	<i>Everything</i> looks different. It seems that <i>everyone</i> has disappeared.
something somebody/someone	an unspecified person or thing	I would really like to ask <i>someone</i> . I think I heard <i>something</i> .
anything anybody/anyone	one random person of a group, one random thing	I am sure <i>anyone</i> could help me to get back to the city centre. I would do <i>anything</i> to get back to the city centre.
	in negative sentences, in the sense of nothing/nobody	But there isn't <i>anyone</i> here I could ask.
	in questions whether there is something/something	Is there <i>anyone</i> there?
nothing nobody/no one	not one single thing or person	<i>Nothing</i> looks familiar. There is <i>nobody</i> in the street

A. Fill in the blanks with someone, something, everyone, everything, no one, nothing, anyone or anything.

1. _____ has eaten my cake!
2. There is _____ under the blanket.
3. Does _____ know the way to the bank?
4. _____ likes Tina's dance.
5. The playground is empty because _____ wants to play in the rain.
6. I could see _____ moving under the paper.
7. There was _____ in the fridge to eat.
8. I am so hungry that I can eat _____.
9. _____ in the room was a mess.
10. I have eaten _____ on my plate.

B. Fill in each blank with the correct indefinite pronoun.

1. There is _____ in school today. It is Sunday, so _____ is at home. [**everyone, no one**]
2. _____ was allowed to enter the class as _____ saw a snake in the class. [**someone, no one**]
3. Did _____ see _____ on the table? I have misplaced my smartphone. [**anyone, anything**]
4. When _____ broke into house, I did not see _____ as I was fast asleep. [**someone, anything**]
5. _____ is still on the table! Why isn't _____ clearing the table? [**everything, anyone**]
6. I thought I saw _____ on the table but when I looked carefully, there was _____. [**nothing, something**]
7. _____ tried to save the kitten but _____ could do _____ as the water was swift. [**no one, anything, everyone**]
8. I saw _____ peeping through the window when _____ was asleep, so I told _____. [**no one, everyone, someone**]

C. Choose the correct answer.



Ikram was puzzled to hear some loud noises outside his house. He went out and saw _____ (1) gathered near the drain. _____ (2) had seen _____ (3) in the drain. It was a cobra! _____ (4) stepped back. _____ (5) dared to go near the drain. Suddenly, we heard the sound of siren. It was the fire brigade. However, before the fire brigade arrived, we heard _____ (6) playing a strange tune. He was a snake charmer. He jumped into the drain. He played the music again and the snake began to sway. Suddenly, he caught the snake and put it into a basket. He didn't wear _____ (7) on his hands, not even a glove! He had _____ (8) to help him too. By this time, the firefighters arrived but there was _____ (9) for them to do. They told _____ (10) to go home. Soon, _____ (11) left. Ikram went home too. He looked out of the window but there was _____ (12) outside.