9 Old Towns

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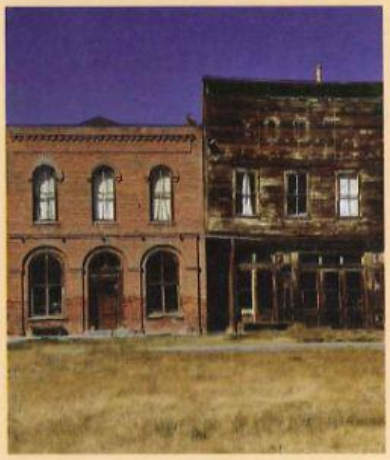
A **Listen and read.** 19

If you go to Bodie, in California, you will see a ghost town. There are houses, but nobody lives there, and everything is broken and old. There are stores, but they are empty, and no one works inside. If you explore the buildings, you'll see mice everywhere. You'll see snakes and lizards, too. And if you go outside, you may see a mountain lion or a bear. But there are no people in the town. So, where did they go?

In the 1840s, a man discovered gold in the Sierra Nevada. Everybody heard about the gold, and many people came to find it. They built gold mines, and then they built a town. They called the town Bodie, and they lived there and looked for gold. But by the 1940s, there was nothing left in the mines. The gold was gone, and everybody went.



Today, Bodie is an historical place and a tourist attraction. It's closed in the winter because of the terrible wind and snow. But in the summer, thousands of visitors come. They try to imagine what life was like in the Wild West all those years ago.

B **Read again. Underline seven words with *every-* or *no-* at the front.**

C **Correct the words in bold.**

1 Today, **everybody** lives in the town of Bodie. It's a ghost town. _____
2 **Nothing** in the houses is broken and old. _____
3 **Everyone** works in the stores because they are empty. _____
4 You will see mice **nowhere** if you explore the buildings. _____
5 **Nobody** went to Bodie in the 1840s when they heard about the gold there. _____
6 Today, there is **everything** left in the mines. _____

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A **Read and learn.**

Indefinite Pronouns

Remember! Use indefinite pronouns to talk about unnamed people, things, or places. They are unnamed because you don't know who or what they are.

Use *no-* when talking about negative things. Use *no-* in affirmative sentences.

People	no one / nobody	*Nobody lives there.*
Things	nothing	*There was nothing left in the mines.*
Places	nowhere	*There's nowhere to go.*

Use *every-* when you mean 'all'. Use *every-* in affirmative sentences and questions.

People	everyone / everybody	*Has everyone left?*
Things	everything	*Everything is broken and old.*
Places	everywhere	*Everywhere is closed.*

B **Check the correct sentences. Cross out the wrong sentences.**

1 There was nothing to do, so we drove to the nearest town. ☐
2 No one was hungry, so we looked for a restaurant. ☐
3 We drove around, but there was everywhere open. ☐
4 There were stores and coffee shops, but everyone was closed. ☐
5 Nobody was outside. It was like a ghost town. ☐
6 Nothing knew what to do, so we decided to go home. ☐

C **Circle the correct words.**

There are houses, but [1] **nowhere / no one / nothing** lives in them. There's a store, but [2] **nowhere / nobody / nothing** works there, and there's [3] **nobody / nothing / no one** on the shelves. There are roads, but they go [4] **nothing / nowhere / nobody**. There's a school, but [5] **everything / no one / nothing** goes there. There's a railroad, but it's closed now. [6] **Everything / Everyone / Everywhere** stopped here many years ago. It's a ghost town.

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D Choose the correct indefinite pronouns to complete the sentences.

1 We visited a small village in the mountains, but there was _____ to do.
   a nothing b no one c everywhere
2 We went to a restaurant, but there was _____ there.
   a everything b no one c everywhere
3 We walked around, but there was _____ outside.
   a nobody b nowhere c everything
4 _____ in the village was closed.
   a No where b Nobody c Everything
5 _____ in the village was at home.
   a Nothing b Everyone c Everywhere

E Read the conversation and write the missing indefinite pronouns.

Hugo What's your town like?
Josh It's boring. There's [1] _____ to do!
Hugo What about the cafe?
Josh It's boring. [2] _____ goes there!
Hugo What about your friends? What do they think?
Josh [3] _____ thinks it's boring. What's your town like?
Hugo I like it! [4] _____ is friendly. [5] _____ is fun! [6] _____ is bored!

F Listen and check. 20

G Act it out.

H Look at the words in bold. Two of them are wrong. Underline them.

There are ghost towns **everywhere**! They're all around the world. Craco is a beautiful, medieval village in the south of Italy. Once, it was a busy and successful town. **Everything** was happy there. **No one** wanted to leave! But then, in 1963, **everywhere** suddenly moved to a different town! They took **everything** they had, and they didn't go back. What happened? Why did they leave? They left because there were lots of earthquakes and landslides. The village became too dangerous to live in.

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I **Complete the text with the indefinite pronouns in the box.**

everything nothing everyone somewhere
nothing no one nowhere everywhere

Hi Adam,

We're staying in a village [1] _____ in the south of Italy. We're near a village called Craco. It's an amazing place because it's a ghost town. I knew [2] _____ about it before I came to Italy, but I'm learning all about it now. There are lots of houses and other buildings there, but [3] _____ lives in them. [4] _____ is empty and deserted. It's because there are lots of earthquakes there. But it's a good place to film a movie! Did you know they filmed the James Bond film, *Quantum of Solace*, there? I love James Bond. I know [5] _____ about the movies and I recognize parts of Craco from them! It would be cool to stay in Craco but there's [6] _____ to stay there.

I'll call you when I get home. What are you doing for the rest of the holiday? [7] _____ I know is going away. So, I have [8] _____ to do! What about you? I hope you're around!

Bye!

Tarik

Let's Write!

J **Look at the chart. Then write sentences.**

On Saturday	do / nothing	see / nobody	go / nowhere
On Sunday	do / something	see / somebody	go / somewhere

I'm doing nothing on Saturday. But I'm doing something on Sunday. I'm playing tennis.

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