6 Indefinite Pronouns

Listen and repeat. Then act out.

	Positive	Interrogative	Negative
people	someone somebody	anyone anybody	no one / not anyone nobody / not anybody
things	something	anything	nothing / not anything
places	somewhere	anywhere	nowhere / not anywhere

The compounds someone / anyone, etc. follow the same rules as any and some.

Is there **anybody** in the kitchen? Yes, there is **somebody** in the kitchen but there is **nobody** in the bedroom and there is **not anybody** in the living room either.

1 Look at the picture and choose the correct word to fill in the gaps.

A: What can you see?
B: I can see ...someone... at the door, but there's ....no one.... at the window. **(no one/someone)**

A: What can you see now?
B: I can see ..... on the table but there isn't ..... on the chair. **(something/anything)**

A: Can you see my keys .....?
B: No, I can't. They are ..... in the kitchen! **(nowhere/anywhere)**

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2 Choose the correct item.

1 Is there ..... new in your class?
A someone **B** no one **C** anyone

2 I don't want to go ..... this weekend.
A somewhere **B** nowhere **C** anywhere

3 I'm thirsty. I want ..... to drink.
A something **B** nothing **C** anything

4 Can you see my pen .....?
A somewhere **B** nowhere **C** anywhere

5 Look! There is ..... in the bag. It's empty.
A someone **B** nothing **C** anything

6 Put this money ..... safe. Don't lose it.
A somewhere **B** nowhere **C** anywhere

7 The house is empty. There is ..... here.
A someone **B** no one **C** anyone

8 I'm hungry but there isn't ..... to eat.
A something **B** nothing **C** anything

3 Fill in the gaps with *someone*, *no one*, *something*, *nothing*, *nowhere* or *somewhere*.

1 A: I don't like living in the city. It's so crowded and busy.
B: Oh, I know and there is ..nowhere... to park.

2 A: I'm thirsty.
B: Would you like ..... to drink?

3 A: I want to go ..... warm for my holidays.
B: Me too!

4 A: Oh no! We're lost!
B: Don't worry. We can ask ..... for help.

5 A: The library is very quiet today.
B: That's because there is ..... else here.

6 A: I'm so bored. There's ..... to do.
B: Well, we can go to the cinema.

4 Read the telephone conversation between Frank and his mum. Then fill in the gaps with *something*, *nothing* or *anything*.

Mum: Hello, Frank! Where are you? I need your help. I can't find my glasses anywhere and I can't see 1) ...anything...!

Frank: I'm at the library, Mum. I can't do 2) ..... to help you right now. Try looking in the kitchen. You usually spend lots of time there.

Mum: OK. Oh, wait! I can feel 3) ..... on the table. Never mind, it's just an apple.

Frank: What about the cooker?

Mum: No, there's 4) ..... on the cooker. But there's 5) ..... on the chair.

Frank: Are they there?

Mum: No. It's only Rex sleeping. Wait, I can feel 6) ..... on my head.

Frank: Please don't tell me your glasses are on your head!

Mum: Yes, here they are. How silly of me!

Frank: Oh, Mum!

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Think Fast

In teams, listen to your teacher and make a simple sentence with the word you hear. Each correct sentence gets a point.

Teacher:	Something.
Team A, Student A:	There's something on the table.
Teacher:	Correct! You get a point. Anyone.
Team B, Student A:	There isn't anyone at the park, etc.

5 **Fill in the gaps with *no one*, *somewhere*, *anywhere*, *anything* or *nothing*.**

New Message

Hi Joanne,
Are you doing 1) ..anything.. today? I'm so bored and there is 2) ..... at home. My parents are at my grandparents' house and my sister is at the mall. I'm all alone and there's 3) ..... to do here. I really want to go 4) ..... Would you like to hang out? We can go to the cinema or 5) ..... else you like. Well, I hope you get this email soon. Give me a call as soon as you can.
Rose

Writing Activity

Look at the picture below. Write about it using the prompts and *something*, *nothing*, *anything*, *someone*, *anyone* or *no one*.

- on / bed / desk / chair
- under / bed
- in / bookcase
- on / wall
- in front of / wardrobe
- next to / bed
- on / floor

In the picture, there is someone on the chair. It's a young boy. There is nothing under the bed.

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