

## Indefinite pronouns

We use indefinite pronouns when we talk about an unknown thing (**something**), person (**someone**, **somebody**) or place (**somewhere**).

There's **someone** at the door. I don't know who it is.

Did you do **anything** on Sunday?

I can't find it **anywhere**.

some-	any-	every-	no-
someone	anyone	everyone	no one
somebody	anybody	everybody	nobody
something	anything	everything	nothing
somewhere	anywhere	everywhere	nowhere

We use pronouns with **some-** in affirmative sentences and pronouns with **any-** in negative sentences and questions. See page 11 for the rules.

**-one** and **-body** have the same meaning.

**Someone/Somebody** wants to talk to you.

We use a singular verb with **every-** and **no-**.

**Is everything** OK?

**No one** enjoys exams.

We normally use only one negative word.

We **didn't** see **anything**. We ~~didn't~~ see **nothing**.

**No one** said **anything**. ~~No one~~ said **nothing**.

### \* 8 Circle the correct word.

► I can't find my pen **anything** / **anywhere**.

1 We'd like **something** / **someone** to drink.

2 **Everyone** / **Everywhere** is looking at us.

3 I'm bored. There's **nothing** / **no one** on TV.

4 Can **anything** / **anybody** answer this question?

5 They want to go **something** / **somewhere** in Europe for their holidays.

6 I don't like exams. I always forget **everything** / **everyone**.

7 All the cafés are closed. There's **nowhere** / **nobody** to eat.

8 Be quiet! Don't say **anything** / **anyone**.

9 Can **someone** / **somewhere** close the window, please?

10 It wasn't funny. **Nobody** / **Nothing** laughed.

### \* 9 2.2 Complete the words with **some-**, **any-**, or **no-**. Then listen and check.

► **Some** one is talking to your dad. Who is it?

1 He's really lazy. He didn't do \_\_\_\_\_ thing yesterday.

2 \_\_\_\_\_ body enjoyed the film. It was terrible.

3 'There's \_\_\_\_\_ thing on the roof of the house.' 'It's a cat!'

4 I went to Pat's house but there wasn't \_\_\_\_\_ one there.

5 My town is boring. There's \_\_\_\_\_ where to go in the evening.

6 'I can hear \_\_\_\_\_ body's phone.' 'It's mine. Thanks!'

7 'How much does it cost?' '\_\_\_\_\_ thing. It's free!'

8 \_\_\_\_\_ one can do that. It's easy.

9 Can we go \_\_\_\_\_ where quiet?

10 'I don't like sport, books or computer games.' 'Do you like \_\_\_\_\_ thing?'

### \* 10 2.3 Listen to the interviews with Gemma and John and complete the table with names and words from the box.

in another town basketball dance fishing  
flute football golf painting piano  
at a sports centre swimming tennis

	Gemma's family	John's family
Who does what sport?	Gemma - basketball	
Where?		
Who plays what instrument?		
Other activities?		

### \* 11 Complete these questions with indefinite pronouns. Then ask and answer the questions with a partner.

Does \_\_\_\_\_ in your family do sport?

Is there \_\_\_\_\_ to do sport near your house?

Does \_\_\_\_\_ in your family play a musical instrument?

Does anyone do \_\_\_\_\_ else?

**12** **2.4** Complete the dialogue with the words in the box. Then listen and check.

anything anywhere everyone everything  
nothing someone something somewhere

- May Hi, Jill. How was your holiday? Did you go anywhere nice?
- Jill Yes, we went to Fethiye in Turkey.
- May How was it?
- Jill <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ was perfect. The weather was brilliant, the people were friendly and the hotel was nice.
- May Did you do <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ interesting?
- Jill At the start of the week we were really tired, so we did <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. We just sat by the pool. Then <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ told us that we could hire a boat, so we went sailing every day.
- May That sounds lovely. And what was the food like?
- Jill It was great. My favourite was <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ called Piliç Dolma. You make it with chicken and spices. It was delicious.
- May So did <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ enjoy the holiday?
- Jill Yes. We all loved it. But I don't think we'll go back. My parents prefer to go <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ different every year.

**13** Write a letter about a bad holiday. Use the phrases below, with indefinite pronouns. Invent other information.

\_\_\_\_\_ was terrible

\_\_\_\_\_ was unfriendly

stayed \_\_\_\_\_ old and uncomfortable

didn't do \_\_\_\_\_ exciting

there was \_\_\_\_\_ interesting to visit

didn't meet \_\_\_\_\_ nice

ate \_\_\_\_\_ bad

\_\_\_\_\_ enjoyed it

I was on holiday last week. Everything was terrible.

**14** **GAME**

Say a sentence using an indefinite pronoun. Your partner guesses if it's true or false.

Someone in my family has green eyes.

I think that's false. I don't think anyone in your family has green eyes.

There's nothing in my pocket.

I think that's true. There's nothing in your pocket.

**15** Circle the correct option.

- Everyone was / were very tired.
- 1 I saw **anybody** / **somebody** famous yesterday.
- 2 **There's** / **There are** nothing in the cupboard.
- 3 She ate **a** / **some** bread and cheese.
- 4 We went **something** / **somewhere** very interesting.
- 5 They **didn't find** / **found** nothing under the chair.
- 6 He's funny. **Anyone** / **Everyone** likes him.
- 7 Can I have **any** / **some** salt, please?
- 8 Don't phone **anyone** / **anything** after 10 p.m.
- 9 Everything **is** / **are** very expensive.
- 10 I've / I haven't got no money!

**Self-evaluation** Rate your progress.

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