

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 ¹_____ was perfect. The weather was brilliant, the people were friendly and the hotel was nice.

May Did you do ²_____ interesting?

Jill At the start of the week we were really tired, so we did ³_____. We just sat by the pool. Then ⁴_____ 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 ⁵_____ called Piliç Dolma. You make it with chicken and spices. It was delicious.

May So did ⁶_____ enjoy the holiday?

Jill Yes. We all loved it. But I don't think we'll go back. My parents prefer to go ⁷_____ different every year.

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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.

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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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