

Sue will have **no trouble** finding a job. (= Sue **won't** have **any** trouble ...)

There were **no shops** open. (= There **weren't** any shops open.)

You can use **no + noun** at the beginning of a sentence:

**No reason** was given for the change of plan.

We use **none** *without* a noun:

'How much money do you have?' '**None.**' (= no money)

All the tickets have been sold. There are **none** left. (= no tickets left)

Or we use **none of** ... :

This money is all yours. **None of it** is mine.

Compare **none** and **any**:

'How much luggage do you have?' '**None.**' / 'I **don't** have **any**.'

After **none of** + *plural* (none of **the students**, none of **them** etc.) the verb can be singular or plural.

A plural verb is more usual:

None of the shops **were** (or **was**) open.

### Nothing      nobody/no-one      nowhere

You can use these words at the beginning of a sentence or alone (as answers to questions):

'What's going to happen?' '**Nobody** (or **No-one**) knows.'

'What happened?' '**Nothing.**'

'Where are you going?' '**Nowhere.** I'm staying here.'

You can also use these words after a verb, especially after **be** and **have**:

The house is empty. There's **nobody** living there.

We **had nothing** to eat.

**Nothing/nobody** etc. = **not + anything/anybody** etc. :

I said **nothing.** = I **didn't** say **anything.**

Jane told **nobody** about her plans. = Jane **didn't tell anybody** about her plans.

They have **nowhere** to live. = They **don't** have **anywhere** to live.

With **nothing/nobody** etc., do *not* use a negative verb (**isn't**, **didn't** etc.):

I **said** nothing. (not I **didn't** say nothing)

After **nobody/no-one** you can use **they/them/their** (see also Unit 85E):

**Nobody** is perfect, are **they?** (= is he or she perfect)

**No-one** did what I asked **them** to do. (= him or her)

**Nobody** in the class did **their** homework. (= his or her homework)

Sometimes **any/anything/anybody** etc. means 'it doesn't matter which/what/who' (see Unit 8)

Compare **no-** and **any-**:

There was **no** bus, so we walked home.

You can take **any** bus. They all go to the centre. (= it doesn't matter which bus)

What do you want to eat? I **haven't** got **any** bread.

4 We had to walk home because there weren't ..... TAXIS.

5 'How many eggs have we got?' ' ..... Do you want me to get some?'

6 We took a few pictures, but ..... of them were very good.

7 'Did you take lots of pictures?' 'No, I didn't take .....'

8 What a stupid thing to do! ..... intelligent person would do such a thing.

9 There's nowhere to cross the river. There's ..... bridge.

10 I haven't read ..... of the books you lent me.

11 We cancelled the party because ..... of the people we invited were able to come.

12 'Do you know when Chris will be back?' 'I'm sorry. I have ..... idea.'

2 Answer these questions using **none/nobody/nothing/nowhere**.

1 What did you do?

2 Who were you talking to?

3 How much sugar do you want?

4 Where are you going?

5 How many emails did you get?

6 How much did you pay?

Nothing.

Now answer the same questions using complete sentences with **any/anybody/anything/anywhere**.

7 (1) I didn't do anything.

8 (2) I .....

9 (3) .....

10 (4) .....

11 (5) .....

12 (6) .....

3 Complete these sentences with **no- or any- + -body/-thing/-where**.

1 I don't want ..... to drink. I'm not thirsty.

2 The bus was completely empty. There was ..... on it.

3 'Where did you go for your holidays?' ' ..... I stayed at home.'

4 I went to the shops, but I didn't buy .....

5 'What did you buy?' ' ..... I couldn't find ..... I wanted.'

6 The town is still the same as it was years ago. ..... has changed.

7 Have you seen my watch? I can't find it .....

8 There was complete silence in the room. ..... said .....

4 Choose the right word.

1 She didn't tell nobody / anybody about her plans. (anybody is correct)

2 The accident looked bad, but fortunately nobody / anybody was badly injured.

3 I looked out of the window, but I couldn't see no-one / anyone.

4 My job is very easy. Nobody / Anybody could do it.