

But we say **all of us** / **all of you** / **all of them**:

- ☐ **All of us** had a great time at the party. (*not* Everybody of us)

## All and everything

Sometimes you can use **all** or **everything**:

- ☐ I'll do **all I can** to help. *or* I'll do **everything I can** to help.

You can say 'all I can' / 'all you need' etc., but we do not normally use **all alone**:

- ☐ He thinks he knows **everything**. (*not* he knows all)  
☐ Our holiday was a disaster. **Everything** went wrong. (*not* All went wrong)

But you can say **all about**:

- ☐ He knows **all about** computers.

We also use **all** (*not* everything) to mean 'the only thing(s)':

- ☐ **All** I've eaten today is a sandwich. (= the only thing I've eaten today)

**Every** / **everybody** / **everyone** / **everything** are *singular* words, so we use a *singular* verb:

- ☐ **Every seat** in the theatre **was** taken.  
☐ **Everybody has** arrived. (*not* have arrived)

But we use **they/them/their** after **everybody/everyone**:

- ☐ **Everybody** said **they** enjoyed **themselves**. (= everybody enjoyed himself or herself)

## Whole and all

**Whole** = complete, entire. Most often we use **whole** with *singular* nouns:

- ☐ Did you read **the whole book**? (= all the book, not just a part of it)  
☐ Emily has lived **her whole life** in the same town.  
☐ I was so hungry, I ate **a whole packet** of biscuits. (= a complete packet)

We use **the/my/her** etc. before **whole**. Compare **whole** and **all**:

**her whole life** *but* **all her life**

We do not normally use **whole** with *uncountable* nouns. We say:

- ☐ I've spent **all the money** you gave me. (*not* the whole money)

## Every/all/whole with time words

We use **every** to say how often something happens (**every day** / **every Monday** / **every ten minutes** / **every three weeks** etc.):

- ☐ When we were on holiday, we went to the beach **every day**. (*not* all days)  
☐ The bus service is excellent. There's a bus **every ten minutes**.  
☐ We don't see each other very often – about **every six months**.

**All day** / **the whole day** = the complete day from beginning to end:

- ☐ We spent **all day** / **the whole day** on the beach.  
☐ Dan was very quiet. He didn't say a word **all evening** / **the whole evening**.

- 4 Nothing has changed. .... is the same as it was.
- 5 Kate told me ..... about her new job. It sounds quite interesting.
- 6 Can ..... write their names on a piece of paper, please?
- 7 Why are you always thinking about money? Money isn't .....
- 8 I didn't have much money with me. .... I had was ten pounds.
- 9 When the fire alarm rang, ..... left the building immediately.
- 10 Sarah didn't say where she was going. .... she said was that she was going away.
- 11 We have completely different opinions. I disagree with ..... she says.
- 12 We all did well in the exam. .... in our class passed.
- 13 We all did well in the exam. .... of us passed.
- 14 Why are you so lazy? Why do you expect me to do ..... for you?

### Write sentences with **whole**.

- 1 I read the book from beginning to end. I read the whole book.
- 2 Everyone in the team played well.  
The .....
- 3 Paul opened a box of chocolates. When he finished eating, there were no chocolates left in the box. He ate .....
- 4 The police came to the house. They were looking for something. They searched everywhere, every room. They .....
- 5 Everyone in Ed and Jane's family plays tennis. Ed and Jane play, and so do all their children. The .....
- 6 Ann worked from early in the morning until late in the evening.  
.....
- 7 Jack and Lisa had a week's holiday by the sea. It rained from the beginning of the week to the end. It .....

Now write sentences 6 and 7 again using **all** instead of **whole**.

- 8 (6) Ann .....
- 9 (7) .....

### Complete these sentences using **every** with the following:

**five minutes**    ~~ten minutes~~    **four hours**    **six months**    **four years**

- 1 The bus service is very good. There's a bus every ten minutes.
- 2 Tom is ill. He has some medicine. He has to take it .....
- 3 The Olympic Games take place .....
- 4 We live near a busy airport. A plane flies over our house .....
- 5 Martin goes to the dentist for a check-up .....

### Which is the correct alternative?

- 1 I've spent the whole money / all the money you gave me. (all the money is correct)
- 2 Sue works every day / all days except Sunday.