

Grammar

Indefinite pronouns

Talking about indefinite people, things, and places

1 Look at the chart.

some – affirmative statements and questions

Someone told her to look in Africa.

He noticed **something** interesting.

Did he hear it **somewhere**?

any – negative statements and questions

She couldn't find **anything**.

He couldn't find **anyone**.

Is there **anywhere** I can go?

every – affirmative statements

He put **everything** together.

Everyone said, "No".

She looked **everywhere**.

Take note!

- We use **one** for a person, **thing** for an object, and **where** for a place.
- We use singular verbs after all indefinite pronouns. Everyone **knows** the song *Yesterday*.

2 Circle the correct words.

- 1 There's **someone** / anyone in your car. Who is it?
- 2 There isn't **someone** / anyone in the café.
- 3 There's **anything** / **something** interesting on TV right now.
- 4 Brian sleepwalks **anywhere** / **everywhere** in the house and turns on all of the lights.
- 5 The kids are bored because they don't have **anything** / **something** to do.
- 6 There's **someone** / anyone snoring next door.

4 Fill in the blanks with the correct indefinite pronoun.



1 There's **something** in my shoe.



2 There isn't _____ in this room.



3 _____ is watching TV.



4 _____ is shouting. Who is he?



5 I want to stay at home. I don't want to go _____.

3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.

- 1 Let's finish the presentation. Everyone **is** (be) yawning!
- 2 There _____ (not be) anyone waiting in line.
- 3 Someone _____ (want) to talk with you on the phone.
- 4 _____ (be) there anything I can do?
- 5 Leif _____ (not like) anything.
- 6 There _____ (be) something strange in my soup.