

3 GRAMMAR *something, anything, nothing, etc.*

a Read the tweets. Complete the hashtags with *goodweekend* or *badweekend*.



1

Saturday night, friends away, ordered takeaway, but **nothing** on TV. 😞



2

Very excited! We're going **somewhere** hot and sunny – see you all on Monday!



3

Had two theatre tickets for Saturday night but couldn't find **anybody** to go with me! **Nobody** loves me. 😞 # _____

b Look at the **highlighted** words in a. Complete the rules with *people, places, or things*.

- 1 Use *something, anything, and nothing* for _____.
- 2 Use *somewhere, anywhere, and nowhere* for _____.
- 3 Use *somebody, anybody, and nobody* for _____.

4C something, anything, nothing, etc.

people

Somebody / Someone has taken my pen!  4.22

I didn't speak to **anybody / anyone** all weekend.

Did **anybody / anyone** phone?

No, **nobody / no one. Nobody / No one** phoned.

things

I bought **something** for dinner.

I didn't do **anything** at the weekend.

Is there **anything** in the fridge?

No, **nothing**. There's **nothing** in the fridge.

places

Let's go **somewhere** this weekend.

We didn't go **anywhere** this summer.

Is there **anywhere** to park?

No, **nowhere**. There's **nowhere** to park.

- We use *somebody / someone, something, somewhere*, etc. with a verb when you don't say exactly who, what, or where.
- We use *anybody / anyone, anything, anywhere* in questions and negatives. We can also use *something* in a request or offer, e.g. *Can you buy some milk? Would you like something to drink?* *I didn't do anything last night.* **NOT** ~~I didn't do nothing.~~
- We use *nobody / no one, nothing, nowhere* in short answers or in a sentence with a verb.



any, anything, etc. + positive verb

We also use *any, anything, etc. + positive verb* to mean 'it doesn't matter what, who, etc.', e.g.

You can come any day. = It doesn't matter which day you come.

Anybody can come to the party. = It doesn't matter who comes.

I can sleep anywhere. = It doesn't matter where I sleep.

You can bring anything. = It doesn't matter what you bring.

a Complete with *something*, *anything*, *nothing*, etc.

Are you doing anything tonight?

- 1 Did you meet _____ last night?
- 2 _____ phoned when you were out. They're going to call back later.
- 3 I've seen your wallet _____, but I can't remember where.
- 4 There's _____ interesting on at the cinema tonight.
Let's stay in.
- 5 Did _____ see you when you left the house?
- 6 Did you go _____ exciting at the weekend?
- 7 I've bought you _____ really nice for Christmas!
- 8 I rang the doorbell, but _____ answered.
- 9 A What would you like for your birthday?
B _____! I really don't mind.
- 10 There's _____ to go swimming – the pool is closed.

b Answer with *Nobody*, *Nowhere*, or *Nothing*.

- 1 What did you do last night? _____
- 2 Where did you go yesterday? _____
- 3 Who did you see? _____

c Answer the questions in **b** with a full negative sentence.

- 1 I didn't do _____.
- 2 _____.
- 3 _____.