

Indefinite Pronouns



Listen and repeat. Then act out.



	Positive	Interrogative	Negative
people	someone somebody	anyone anybody	no one / not anyone nobody / not anybody
things	something	anything	nothing / not anything
places	somewhere	anywhere	nowhere / not anywhere

The compounds **someone** / **anyone**, etc. follow the same rules as **any** and **some**.

Is there **anybody** in the kitchen? Yes, there is **somebody** in the kitchen but there is **nobody** in the bedroom and there is **not anybody** in the living room either.

1 Look at the picture and choose the correct word to fill in the gaps.



- A: What can you see?
 B: I can see someone at the door, but there's no one at the window. (no one/someone)



- A: What can you see now?
 B: I can see on the table but there isn't on the chair. (something/anything)



- A: Can you see my keys?
 B: No, I can't. They are in the kitchen! (nowhere/anywhere)

2 Choose the correct item.

- 1 Is there new in your class?
A someone B no one **C anyone**
- 2 I don't want to go this weekend.
A somewhere B nowhere C anywhere
- 3 I'm thirsty. I want to drink.
A something B nothing C anything
- 4 Can you see my pen?
A somewhere B nowhere C anywhere
- 5 Look! There is in the bag. It's empty.
A someone B nothing C anything
- 6 Put this money safe. Don't lose it.
A somewhere B nowhere C anywhere
- 7 The house is empty. There is here.
A someone B no one C anyone
- 8 I'm hungry but there isn't to eat.
A something B nothing C anything

3 Fill in the gaps with *someone*, *no one*, *something*, *nothing*, *nowhere* or *somewhere*.

- 1 A: I don't like living in the city. It's so crowded and busy.
B: Oh, I know and there is ... *nowhere* ... to park.
- 2 A: I'm thirsty.
B: Would you like to drink?
- 3 A: I want to go warm for my holidays.
B: Me too!
- 4 A: Oh no! We're lost!
B: Don't worry. We can ask for help.
- 5 A: The library is very quiet today.
B: That's because there is else here.
- 6 A: I'm so bored. There's to do.
B: Well, we can go to the cinema.

4 Read the telephone conversation between Frank and his mum. Then fill in the gaps with *something*, *nothing* or *anything*.

Mum: Hello, Frank! Where are you? I need your help. I can't find my glasses anywhere and I can't see 1) ... *anything* ...!

Frank: I'm at the library, Mum. I can't do 2) to help you right now. Try looking in the kitchen. You usually spend lots of time there.

Mum: OK. Oh, wait! I can feel 3) on the table. Never mind, it's just an apple.

Frank: What about the cooker?

Mum: No, there's 4) on the cooker. But there's 5) on the chair.

Frank: Are they there?

Mum: No. It's only Rex sleeping. Wait, I can feel 6) on my head.

Frank: Please don't tell me your glasses are on your head!

Mum: Yes, here they are. How silly of me!

Frank: Oh, Mum!



Think Fast

In teams, listen to your teacher and make a simple sentence with the word you hear. Each correct sentence gets a point.

Teacher: Something.
 Team A, Student A: There's something on the table.
 Teacher: Correct! You get a point. Anyone.
 Team B, Student A: There isn't anyone at the park, etc.

5 Fill in the gaps with *no one*, *somewhere*, *anywhere*, *anything* or *nothing*.

New Message

Hi Joanne,
 Are you doing 1) ... *anything* ... today? I'm so bored and there is 2) at home. My
 parents are at my grandparents' house and my sister is at the mall. I'm all alone and there's
 3) to do here. I really want to go 4) Would you like to hang out?
 We can go to the cinema or 5) else you like. Well, I hope you get this email soon.
 Give me a call as soon as you can.
 Rose



Writing Activity

Look at the picture below. Write about it using the prompts and *something*, *nothing*, *anything*, *someone*, *anyone* or *no one*.

- on / bed / desk / chair
- under / bed
- in / bookcase
- on / wall
- in front of / wardrobe
- next to / bed • on / floor



In the picture, there is someone on the chair. It's a young boy. There is nothing under the bed.

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