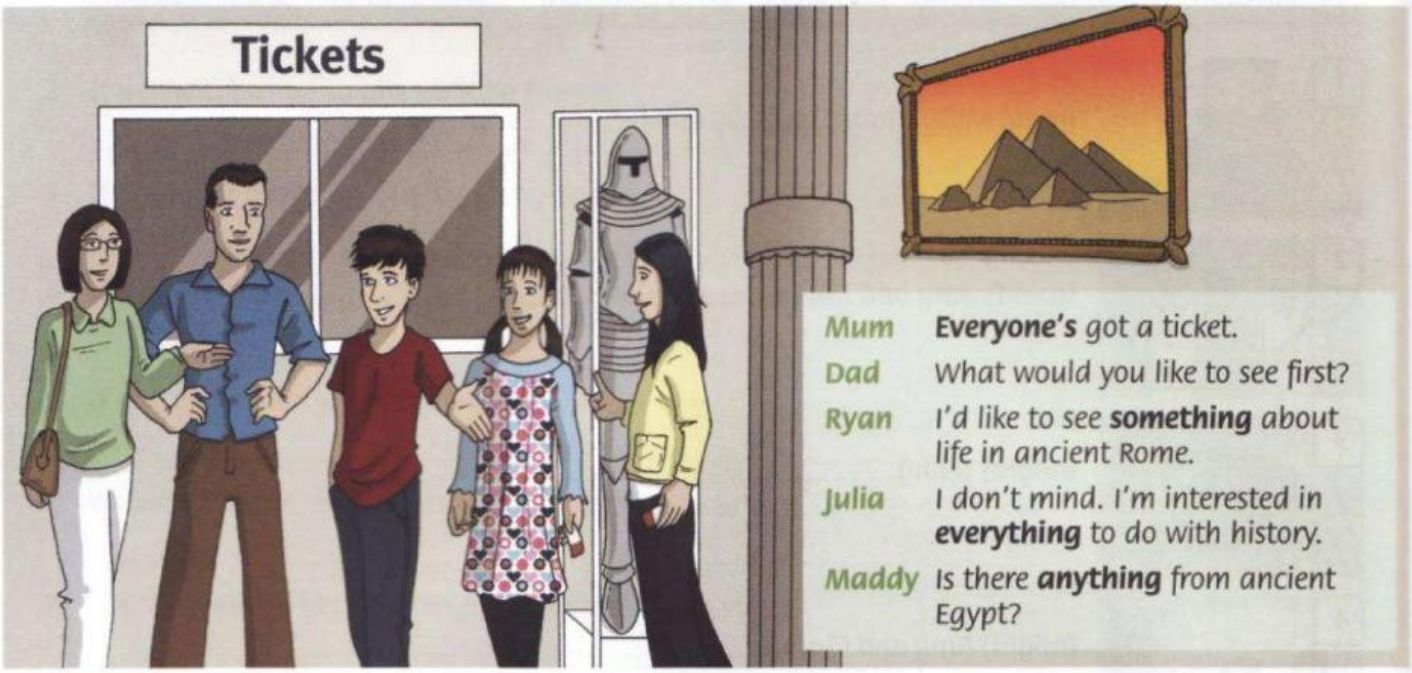
10 Life in the past



Indefinite pronouns

We use indefinite pronouns to talk about people, thngs and places that we don't name. We use indefinite pronouns with **some**, **every** and **no** in affirmative sentences.

***Everyone**'s got a ticket.* ***No one**'s missing.* *I'd like to see **something** about life in ancient Rome.*

We use indefinite pronouns with **any** in negative sentences and questions.

*Is there **anything** from ancient Egypt?* *I haven't seen **anything** as interesting as this before.*

	Affirmative sentences			Negative sentences and questions
Places	somewhere	everywhere	nowhere	anywhere
Things	something	everything	nothing	anything
People	someone	everyone	no one	anyone

1 Tick (✓) the correct sentences.

1 Has anyone been to this museum? ✓
Has anything been to this museum? ☐

2 We couldn't see Max everywhere. ☐
We couldn't see Max anywhere. ☐

3 Anyone saw the carvings. ☐
No one saw the carvings. ☐

4 We're all here – anyone's missing. ☐
We're all here – no one's missing. ☐

5 I've looked everywhere for the statues. ☐
I've looked somewhere for the statues. ☐

6 Was there anyone at the park? ☐
Was there everyone at the park? ☐

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2 Look at the picture. Match 1–8 with a–h.

1	a	There are flowers	a everywhere.
2	____	There aren't any pictures	b happy.
3	____	Everyone's	c unhappy.
4	____	There's nowhere	d under the table.
5	____	There's someone	e anywhere.
6	____	No one's	f on the table.
7	____	There's nothing	g to sit.
8	____	There's something	h behind the door.

3 Write answers to the questions. Use No one, Nothing or Nowhere.

1 What's behind the door? Nothing. That room is empty.

2 Who's in that room? _____. Everybody's here.

3 Where's Eric going? _____. He's staying here.

4 Who's got the tickets? _____. We have to buy them.

5 Where are you going this evening? _____. I'm going to stay at home.

6 What have you got for lunch? _____. I'm going to buy some sandwiches.

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4 Complete the indefinite pronouns.

1 There isn't any thing to do here.
2 No _____ has been to the new museum yet.
3 Museums are some _____ for people to go in the holidays.
4 Is there any _____ to see in that room?
5 I'm thirsty. Let's get some _____ to drink in the café.
6 You can't buy a souvenir – no _____ is working in the museum shop today.
7 We're carrying our coats because we couldn't find any _____ to leave them.
8 I really like the museum. Every _____ you look there are interesting things to see.

5 Complete the indefinite pronouns.

1 No one went to see the game – we all went home instead.
2 There isn't _____ one there.
3 It was a really good film. _____ one enjoyed it.
4 It's so boring here – there's absolutely _____ thing to do.
5 _____ one's left a book – it's there, on the desk.
6 I haven't got _____ thing to wear for the party.
7 Seb's travelling round the world – he's _____ where in Australia.
8 _____ where you go, people are trying to protect the environment.

6 Rewrite the sentences with a different indefinite pronoun.

1 There isn't anything to do here.
There's nothing to do here.

2 There's no one to talk to.
_____

3 There isn't anywhere to eat.
_____

4 There's nothing in the kitchen.
_____

5 There isn't anyone in the ticket office.
_____

6 There's nowhere to buy souvenirs.
_____

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7 Circle the correct answers.

1 Where are my glasses? I can't see them **anywhere** / **nowhere**.
2 There's **someone** / **anyone** downstairs. I can hear a voice.
3 I love holidays in old cities. There's **somewhere** / **everywhere** different to go every day.
4 Everybody's busy. There isn't **everyone** / **anyone** to talk to.
5 There's no food left. You've eaten **something** / **everything**.
6 There's no water and no juice. There's **nothing** / **anything** to drink!
7 Sometimes I get bored at the seaside. If it rains, there isn't **everything** / **anything** to do.
8 I've lost my dictionary! I've looked **somewhere** / **everywhere** but I can't find it.
9 **Everyone** / **Someone** loved the visit. They all said how nice it was.
10 The TV's still on. **No one** / **Everyone** has switched it off.

8 Complete the text. Use the indefinite pronouns in the box.

anywhere ~~something~~ no one everywhere Everyone everywhere anything something

I'm going to tell you [1] something about life in England in 1665. Life was hard then. Some people in some places were rich but there were lots of very poor people [2] _____. The worst thing was the dirt – you couldn't get away from it [3] _____, and there were rats [4] _____. [5] _____ was afraid of getting ill. There wasn't [6] _____ you could do to get better if you got ill, and because there weren't enough doctors, there was [7] _____ to help you. Many people died, but in 1666 [8] _____ happened to change the situation – there was an enormous fire in London and lots of the rats, which carry illness, were killed. After that, fewer people died.

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Chat room

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▼ My friends ▼ My topics

Jamie: Today I met an architect. He was rebuilding an old house, and I helped him. Here's a photo.

Henry: Great photo! But it isn't easy to build a house, **is it?**

Jamie: No, it isn't! We were building this house with the same things that people used thousands of years ago. It was hard work, but it's a nice house, **isn't it?**

Henry: Yes, it is. It's quite simple, but it looks just like a stone age house, **doesn't it?** We can see how people used to live, **can't we?**

Jamie: Yes, we can. And this one is a big house, **isn't it?** It's like a house that an important person used to live in. In those days, the important people lived in big houses. Most houses were smaller than this one.

Henry: Wow, what a great experience!

The house

Question tags

Question tags are short questions at the end of sentences. We often use them to check that the person we are speaking to agrees with us or to check that we are right.

If the sentence is affirmative, we use a negative question tag.

*It's a nice house, **isn't it?***

If the sentence is negative, we use an affirmative question tag.

*It isn't a nice house, **is it?***

The verb we use in the question tag depends on the verb used in the sentence. Most verbs use **do**.

*Most people live in bigger houses, **don't they?***

If the main verb is **be** or a modal verb, we repeat it in the question tag.

*This **is** a big house, **isn't it?***
*We **can** see how people used to live, **can't we?***

The question tag for **I'm** is **aren't I?**

*I'm a good player, **aren't I?***

There is always a comma before the question tag. We usually use contractions in the negative form.

*You're very excited, **aren't you?***

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9 Circle the correct answer.

1 You liked visiting the museum, **didn't you / don't you?**
2 We didn't paint the building, **didn't we / did we?**
3 Dad bought tickets for the museum, **wasn't he / didn't he?**
4 You like archaeology, **aren't you / don't you?**
5 The Romans didn't use the number zero, **did they / had they?**
6 You brought your camera, **didn't you / haven't you?**

10 Complete the sentences. Use question tags.

1 Darren is funny, isn't he? _____
2 I was good at science last year, _____
3 You can't swim, _____
4 He played the guitar very well, _____
5 She wasn't at the party, _____
6 He couldn't speak English, _____
7 We don't have much homework, _____
8 You're friends with Sam, _____
9 They could come to our house today, _____
10 We always win at football, _____

11 Write the words in the correct order. Add question tags.

1 last week / you / read / the book
You read the book last week, didn't you?
2 aren't / very good / they / tennis players
_____
3 last week / worked / Dad / hard
_____
4 aren't / you / home / going
_____
5 didn't / like / the film / they
_____
6 you / the piano / can't / play
_____
7 you / did / your homework
_____
8 picked up / Jason / the litter
_____

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