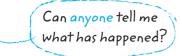
Indefinite pronouns / adverbs (some-, any- and no- words)

Come out now, little monster. You have nowhere to hide.





1 We can use *some*, *any* and *no* to form indefinite pronouns / adverbs. We use them to talk about people, things or places when we do not know the exact person, thing or place we are talking about, or when it is not important to be exact.

Indefinite pronouns		Indefinite adverbs
People	Things	Places
someone / somebody anyone / anybody no one / nobody	something anything nothing	somewhere anywhere nowhere

The rules about some, any and no covered in **Book 1 Unit 4** basically apply to the indefinite pronouns and adverbs covered here. 2

- We use *someone / somebody, something* and *somewhere*:
 - in positive statements
 There is somebody outside the house.
 Dan did something bad this morning.
 Let's go somewhere nice for dinner.
 - in questions to make offers, requests or suggestions Would you like something to drink? Can someone help me move the table? Shall we drive somewhere in the car?
- **3** We use *anyone / anybody, anything* and *anywhere*:
 - in negative statements and in questions

 I didn't know anybody at the party.
 Did you do anything yesterday?
 Did you go anywhere interesting last week?
 - in positive statements with words that are negative in meaning

Hardly anyone completed the test. I never buy anything in this shop. She rarely goes anywhere by herself.





4 We use *no one / nobody, nothing* and *nowhere* when the number of people, things or places is zero. They mean the same as *not anyone / anybody, not anything* and *not anywhere.*

No one could answer Mrs Lo's question. There is nothing in the cupboard. (= There is**n't anything** in the cupboard.) They had nowhere to go.

(= They didn't have anywhere to go.)



However, we do not usually use *no one / nobody* as objects. It is more common to use *not anyone / anybody*.

We saw no one. \rightarrow We didn't see anyone.

5 Indefinite pronouns can replace nouns as the subject or object of a sentence. When they are the subject of a sentence, they take a singular verb.

Someone recommended this restaurant to me.	(subject)
It's dark in here. I can't see anything.	(object)

Somebody is sitting on my seat. Does anyone want a drink? Nowhere interests me more than here.

6 We often use indefinite pronouns / adverbs with adjectives and *to*-infinitives.

There is nothing **interesting** on TV. I just want someone **to play** with.



7 We often use *else* after indefinite pronouns / adverbs to refer to a different person, thing or place.

Can you ask someone else? I'm very busy right now. Is there anywhere else we can go? (= a different person) (= a different place)

Common errors

- 1 Note that we use *no* words with positive verbs, but *any* words with negative verbs.
 - ✓ There was nobody here.
 - X There wasn't nobody here.
 - ✓ There wasn't anybody here.
- We don't use the prepositions *at*, *in* or *to* with *somewhere*, *anywhere* and *nowhere*.
 We want to stay at somewhere near the airport.
 He doesn't live in anywhere special.
 - They went to nowhere without a guide.

Grammar in text Q

This section introduces students to the unit focus in context, followed by questions that help them reflect on what they have learnt.

Read the messages on a social media site and answer the questions.

Cissy Lam @CissyCissyLam

58m 💊

Does anyone know anything about Tiger Trails Jungle Camp? My friends and I want to go somewhere different for the upcoming holiday, but we can't decide where to go. I heard someone say the camp at Tiger Trails was quite fun, so I'd like to get more information about it.



Sam Castro @truesamcastro

52m 🗸

I went to Tiger Trails last year. It was really boring — ① there was nothing to do at the camp, and they didn't take us anywhere. They said they'd teach us something about the environment, ② but we didn't learn anything from them. Worse still, my dad was kicked by a horse and nobody was there to help him! I'd suggest you go somewhere else.



Julia Nakatani @JNakatani0801

37m 💊

That's strange, Sam — we had a great time at Tiger Trails. The staff were really friendly, and there was always somebody around to help us. OK, it's quite expensive, but if you want this kind of holiday, nowhere is cheap.

- 1 Circle all the indefinite pronouns and adverbs above.
- 2 a) Give one example of using indefinite pronouns/adverbs as the subject of the sentence.Circle the subject in your answer.

Does(anyone)know anything about Tiger Trails Jungle Camp? /(Nobody) was there to help

him! / (Nowhere) is cheap. (any one)

b) The indefinite pronoun/adverb in 2(a) takes a <u>singular</u> verb.

- 3 In the last sentence of Sam's message, 'somewhere else' means ______ a different place
- 4 Rewrite Part () with a negative verb and Part (2) with a positive verb.

Part 1: there wasn't _anything to do at the camp

Part 2: but we learnt <u>nothing</u> from them

Let's practise

Exercise 1

Read the sentences. Circle the correct answers.

- 1 Shall we order (somewhere / anything / something) to drink?
- 2 There is (somebody /nowhere) anywhere) better than home.
- 3 ((s anything) / Are anything / Is somewhere) wrong, Julian? You look upset.
- 4 I'm looking for (anyone / something / someone)) who speaks Japanese.
- 5 Peter rarely goes (somewhere / anywhere) / nowhere) crowded.
- 6 Shirley didn't talk to (no one / anything / anybody)) this morning. She was in a bad mood.
- 7 Shall we meet at the MTR station or (somewhere / anywhere / somewhere else)?
- 8 (No one / Anyone / Nothing) knows where the missing girl is.
- 9 Don't just sit there and do (anything / nothing) / something)! Help me set the table.
- 10 I think there is (something/ anything / nothing) wrong with my mobile. Can you check it for me?

Exercise 2

Jo is talking to Neil. Complete their conversation with suitable indefinite pronouns.

- Jo: Are you OK, Neil? You don't look very happy.
- **Neil:** Well, I'm worried about ⁽¹⁾ <u>something</u> I have a Maths test next week, but I can someone/ hardly understand ⁽²⁾ <u>anything</u> in my textbook. I really need ⁽³⁾ <u>somebody</u> to help me, but I don't know ⁽⁴⁾ <u>anyone / anybody</u> who's good at Maths. I asked my classmates, but ⁽⁵⁾ <u>no one / nobody</u> could help me. They're all really busy at the moment.
- Jo: How about your mum or dad? Can they help you?
- Neil: No, they don't know ⁽⁶⁾ <u>anything</u> about teaching Maths so there's (7) <u>nothing</u> they can do. Actually could you do ⁽⁸⁾ <u>something</u> for me, please? Could you recommend ⁽⁹⁾ <u>somebody</u> to help me? <u>someone/</u>
- Jo: Well, I know ⁽¹⁰⁾ <u>somebody</u> who's good at Maths. She's also a very good tutor!
- **Neil:** Does she charge ⁽¹¹⁾ <u>anything</u>? I don't have much money.
- Jo: She usually charges ⁽¹²⁾ <u>something</u>, but she never charges her friends ⁽¹³⁾ anything
- **Neil:** Really? ⁽¹⁴⁾ <u>No one / Nobody</u> gives free lessons! Who is this person?
- Jo: Me! You don't need to pay me⁽¹⁵⁾ <u>anything</u>. I'm always happy to help you.

Exercise 1 provides practice of indefinite pronouns and adverbs.



Challenge yourself

Exercise 3

Exercise 3 provides contextualised practice of indefinite pronouns and adverbs. *Kay is chatting to Bill. Complete their text messages using suitable indefinite pronouns/adverbs and the correct form of the verbs in brackets.*

online	L (2)
	Hi Bill. Are you going ⁽¹⁾ <u>anywhere</u> this weekend?
him ⁽²⁾ somew	Australian friend Chris out. I really want to take <u>here</u> nice, but unfortunately I can't think of <u>to go</u> (go). I asked my family for advice, but <u>ody could</u> (can) give me any good suggestions.
	Well, I'm sure there's ⁽⁵⁾ <u>somewhere</u> you can go.
I hope so. The proble crowded or noisy, bu in Hong Kong at the	em is that Chris doesn't like to go ⁽⁶⁾ <u>anywhere</u> It there really ⁽⁷⁾ is nowhere / isn't anywhere (be) quiet weekend!
	That's not true! You can take him ⁽⁸⁾ <u>somewhere</u> in Sai Kung. There are lots of quiet beaches and hiking trails there.
That sounds good, b Do you know ⁽¹⁰⁾	ut I seldom go ⁽⁹⁾ <u>anywhere</u> in Sai Kung. <u>anything</u> about places to go there?
	Yes. I go to Sai Kung quite often. Would you like ⁽¹¹⁾ <u>someone/somebody to go</u> <i>(go)</i> with you? I'm free this weekend, so I can go with you if you like.
Thanks a lot, Kay. It to show	'll be good to have ⁽¹²⁾ <u>someone / somebody</u> (<i>show</i>) us around.
	You're welcome. Shall I take you ⁽¹³⁾ <u>somewhere</u> for dinner in Sai Kung as well?
That'll be great!	

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Exercise 4

Doris is writing a letter to the advice column in a teen magazine. Read the letter. Are the highlighted words used correctly? If yes, put a tick (\checkmark). If not, write the correct answers in the spaces provided.

Exercise 4 provides roundup practice of the language students have learnt in this unit as well as previously taught content.

Dear Teens Plus

I am writing to you because ⁽¹⁾ nobody else seems interested in my problem. I came to this city with my family about four months ago. Before coming here, I did not know ⁽²⁾ any about it. In particular, I knew ⁽³⁾ anything about the environment here. Now that I am living here, I am very disappointed that ⁽⁴⁾ no one seem to care about the environment.

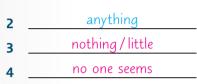
I come from Canada. People there really know how to look after nature. Hardly $^{(5)}$ anyone throws rubbish away. They understand that $^{(4)}$ something are more important for our future than a clean environment. When they go $^{(7)}$ to somewhere for a day out, they want it to be clean.

I thought that I would soon meet ⁽⁸⁾ anyone in this city who had an interest in nature. However, although it is easy to find ⁽¹⁾ someone who wants to go shopping, it is not easy to find ⁽¹⁰⁾ no one who wants to protect the environment. I tried to talk to my classmates about this, but ⁽¹¹⁾ nobody of them seemed interested.

It is not surprising, therefore, that there are ⁽¹²⁾ something serious environmental issues here. For example, ⁽¹³⁾ few of the beaches here are very clean. In fact, I don't know ⁽¹⁴⁾ nothing with really clean sand. Moreover, the air is extremely polluted. ⁽¹⁵⁾ Nobody in this city has really clean air, even the country parks.

After living here for four months, I have to ask, $(^{(16)})$ Do someone here really care about the environment? Could you help me find $(^{(17)})$ anyone who is prepared to do $(^{(16)})$ some improve the situation here?







8 _	someone / somebody
9 _	
10 _	anyone / anybody / someone / somebody
11 _	no one/nobody/ none of them
12 _	some
13	\checkmark
14 _	anywhere / any
15 _	Nowhere
16 _	Does anyone
17 _	someone / somebody
18 _	something to improve

Disappointed Doris