

Somebody, Anything, Nowhere, Everyone: Indefinite Pronouns Exercises

Level: A2

Some-, any-, no- and every- words

Words like somebody, anything, nowhere and everyone talk about people, things and places without saying exactly which. You make them with some, any, no or every + body, one, thing or where.

How to make them: Take some, any, no or every. Add body or one for people, thing for things and where for places: somebody, someone, something, somewhere. Body and one mean the same.

Some-: positive sentences: Use some- in positive sentences: There is somebody at the door. I want something to drink. We are going somewhere warm.

Any-: questions and negatives: Use any- in questions and after a negative verb: Is there anyone here? I don't know anything. I can't find my keys anywhere.

No-: not any: No- already has a negative meaning, so the verb stays positive: There is nobody here. Do not say There isn't nobody here.

Every-: all: Every- means all: everybody is all the people, everything is all the things, everywhere is all the places.

One verb form: These words are singular, so use is and a verb with -s: Everyone is happy. Nobody knows.

Exercise 1: Choose the Correct Word

Choose the correct word.

1. Listen! There is ___ at the door. I can hear a voice.
a) somebody b) anybody c) nobody
2. There isn't ___ in the box. It is empty.
a) anything b) nothing c) nowhere
3. Nobody ___ the answer to this question.
a) know b) knows c) don't know
4. Everybody ___ here. The class can start.
a) is b) are c) have
5. I can't find my phone. It isn't _____.
a) anywhere b) somewhere c) nowhere
6. The shop is closed, so there is ___ to buy.
a) nothing b) anything c) somebody

Exercise 2: Fill in the Blank

Type the correct word or form.

7. I'm thirsty. I want ___ to drink. (some + thing)
8. There ___ nobody at the bus stop. It's very late. (be, present)
9. I'm bored. There is ___ to do here. (no + thing)
10. Where is Tom? I can't see him ___. (any + where)
11. She is very quiet. She doesn't say ___ in class. (any + thing)
12. I love this town. ___ is friendly here. (every + body)

Exercise 3: Put the Words in Order

Click the words in the correct order to build the sentence.

13. Put the words in the correct order: **here / know / anyone / I / don't / .**

14. Put the words in the correct order: **bag / there / the / ? / anything / Is / in**

15. Put the words in the correct order: **warm / go / somewhere / Let's / .**

16. Put the words in the correct order: **box / is / nothing / There / in / the / .**

Exercise 4: True or False

Decide if each statement is true or false.

17. 'I don't know nothing' is correct English. True / False
18. 'Everybody is here' is correct English. True / False
19. We usually use any- words in questions: 'Is there anyone here?' True / False
20. 'Somebody' and 'someone' mean the same. True / False
21. 'I haven't got anywhere to go' and 'I've got nowhere to go' mean the same. True / False

Answer key

Exercise 1: Choose the Correct Word

1. a) somebody
2. a) anything
3. b) knows
4. a) is
5. a) anywhere
6. a) nothing

Exercise 2: Fill in the Blank

7. something
8. is / 's
9. nothing
10. anywhere
11. anything
12. Everybody / Everyone

Exercise 3: Put the Words in Order

13. I don't know anyone here.
14. Is there anything in the bag?
15. Let's go somewhere warm.
16. There is nothing in the box.

Exercise 4: True or False

17. False
18. True
19. True
20. True
21. True