

## INDEFINITE PRONOUNS

**Indefinite pronouns** “anyone”, “anybody”, “someone”, “somebody”, “everyone”, “everybody”, “no one”, “nobody”, “something”, “anything”, “nothing”, “everything” refer to unspecified person(s) or object(s) in a sentence.

Did **anyone** see what happened? (**anyone** refers to unspecified person in a question)

Did **anybody** see what happened? (**anybody** means the same as **anyone** but informal)

**Someone** left this behind. (**someone** refers to unspecified person in a statement)

**Somebody** left this behind. (**somebody** means the same as **someone** but informal)

**Everyone** was happy with your effort. (**everyone** refers to unspecified group of persons)

**Everybody** was happy with your effort. (**everybody** means the same as **everyone** but informal)

Why **no one** shows up? (**no one** refers to unspecified person)

Why **nobody** shows up? (**nobody** means the same as **no one** but more informal)

Can I get you **something** at the store? (**something** refers to unspecified object)

Can I get you **anything** at the store? (**anything** is used in questions or negative statement)

She doesn't want **anything** to do with that. (**anything** is used in negative statement)

She likes **everything** associated with that. (**everything** means all the things available)

She wants **nothing** to do with that. (**nothing** means no available object)

### Practice:

Complete the sentences using the indefinite pronouns “anyone”, “someone”, “everyone”, “no one”, “something”, “anything”, “nothing”, “everything”.

1. Playing tennis is \_\_\_\_\_ I always enjoy.
2. I would do \_\_\_\_\_ to win her heart.
3. Did \_\_\_\_\_ call when I went out?
4. Can \_\_\_\_\_ help me clean that mess?
5. \_\_\_\_\_ has the courage to challenge his tyranny.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ has the right to speak out.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ dares to come with him.

8. Did \_\_\_\_\_ bring a flashlight?
9. Joe and his dad are so different. They have \_\_\_\_\_ in common.
10. It's great that \_\_\_\_\_ is working out as expected.
11. I'd rather not eat here. \_\_\_\_\_ in the menu is appealing.
12. I want \_\_\_\_\_ to do with him after that terrible incidence.
13. They have \_\_\_\_\_ to gain and \_\_\_\_\_ to lose if they make the wrong decision.
14. They have \_\_\_\_\_ to gain and \_\_\_\_\_ to lose if they make the wrong decision.
15. \_\_\_\_\_ is telling me that bad things will happen.
16. There is \_\_\_\_\_ odd about him.
17. \_\_\_\_\_ called you but refused to leave his name.
18. I didn't give \_\_\_\_\_ your name.
19. \_\_\_\_\_ has a personal secret.
20. Is there \_\_\_\_\_ available to work tomorrow?

### Answers:

1. Playing tennis is **something** I always enjoy.
2. I would do **anything** to win her heart.
3. Did **anyone** call when I went out? (someone, anybody, somebody)
4. Can **somebody** help me clean that mess? (someone, anybody, anyone)
5. **No one** has the courage to challenge his tyranny. (nobody)
6. **Everybody** has the right to speak out. (everyone)
7. **Nobody** dares to come with him. (no one)
8. Did **anyone** bring a flashlight? (anybody, someone, somebody)
9. Joe and his dad are so different. They have **nothing** in common.
10. It's great that **everything** is working out as expected.
11. I'd rather not eat here. **Nothing** in the menu is appealing.
12. I want **nothing** to do with him after that terrible incidence.
13. They have **nothing** to gain and **everything** to lose if they make the wrong decision.
14. They have **everything** to gain and **nothing** to lose if they make the right decision.
15. **Something** is telling me that bad things will happen.
16. There is **something** odd about him.
17. **Someone** called you but refused to leave his name. (somebody)
18. I didn't give **anybody** your name. (no one, nobody)
19. **Everyone** has a personal secret. (everybody)
20. Is there **anyone** available to work tomorrow? (anybody, someone, somebody)