

Indefinite Pronouns

- 1) A *pronoun* is a word that is used to take the place of a noun. They make sentences shorter and easier to say.
- 2) An *indefinite pronoun* is a word that takes the place of names of persons. Here is a list of indefinite pronouns:

Everyone	Everybody	Someone	Somebody	Anyone	Anybody	No one	Nobody
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Read the conversation below to get an idea about how indefinite pronouns are used.

Ana: Ricardo! Wake up! I think someone is in the kitchen!
Ricardo: Nobody is in the kitchen, Ana! Go back to sleep!
Ana: I hear somebody moving around! Can't you hear someone?
Ricardo: No, I can't hear anybody!

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Carla: Everybody is still talking about the surprise party for your birthday!
Ana: I know! I told Ricardo somebody was in the living room!
Carla: Everybody was trying to find a hiding place. Nobody thought you were home yet!
Ana: We got home and went to sleep early. I didn't think anybody remembered.
Carla: Everybody was surprised when you came downstairs with a baseball bat!
Ana: Haha...yeah sorry about that. I didn't expect anybody to remember my birthday!

Someone/Somebody: The indefinite pronouns “someone” and “somebody” refer to an unknown person or persons. “Someone” and “somebody” have exactly the same meaning. “Someone” and “somebody” can be used in affirmative sentences and questions. “Someone” and “somebody” are singular.

Example: Someone lost a glove in the parking lot.

Example: Can somebody help me?

Directions: Try to make your own sentences using the indefinite pronouns “someone” and “somebody”.

1) _____

2) _____

Everyone/Everybody: The indefinite pronouns “everyone” and “everybody” refer to all the people or all the people you are talking about. “Everyone” and “everybody” have exactly the same meaning. “Everyone” and “everybody” can be used in affirmative sentences and questions. “Everyone” and “everybody” are singular.

Example: Everybody likes chocolate!

Example: I told everyone that the party starts at 8:00.

Directions: Try to make your own sentences using the indefinite pronouns “everyone” and “everybody”.

1) _____

2) _____

No one/Nobody: The indefinite pronouns “no one” and “nobody” mean no person or no people or none of the people you are talking about. “No one” and “nobody” have exactly the same meaning. “No one” and “nobody” can be used in affirmative sentences. “No one” and “nobody” are singular.

Example: No one told me to bring my swimsuit.

Example: Nobody wants to make a mistake.

Directions: Try to make your own sentences using the indefinite pronouns “no one” and “nobody”.

1) _____

2) _____

Anyone/Anybody: The indefinite pronouns “anyone” and “anybody” mean an unknown person or unknown people. “Anyone” and “Anybody” have exactly the same meaning. “Anyone” and “anybody” can be used in negative sentences and questions. “Anyone” and “anybody” are singular.

Example: I didn’t see anyone I knew at the party last night.

Example: Does anybody have a pencil I can borrow?

Directions: Try to make your own sentences using the indefinite pronouns “anyone” and “anybody”.

1) _____

2) _____

Directions: Fill in the empty spaces in the following passage using the correct indefinite pronoun.

Jaime: Hey! Can _____ help me? I think my foot is caught in the train tracks!

Amy: Oh my gosh Jaime. _____ knows you’re not supposed to play around the train tracks.

Jaime: Yeah, well _____ ever told me how dangerous it is! Anyway, can you please help me out? Maybe you could go get _____ who can call the police or fire truck or something.

Amy: I’m not exactly sure what the police or fire truck are going to do to help you. Maybe I could call _____ to let the train conductor know you are stuck on the tracks.

Jaime: Oh no...I’m scared! I need help! Can’t _____ help me!

Amy: Look. There isn’t _____ else around. Why don’t you just try to wiggle out of your shoe?

Jaime: I can easily wiggle out of my shoe.

Amy: Well then what’s the problem!?

Jaime: I don’t want my shoe to get run over by the train!

Amy: Wow. You are hopeless. I’m leaving.

Jaime: Hey, where are you going!?

Amy: To tell _____ never to help you again!