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USE OF ENGLISH

Indefinite pronouns: *someone, anything, nowhere, everybody, none, etc.*

I can use a range of indefinite pronouns.

1 SPEAKING Discuss the questions.

- Are there any street markets near you?
- What kind of things can you do and buy there?
- When was the last time you went to a market and what did you buy?

2 3.27 Listen to two people at Camden Market in London. Number the photos in the order in which they visit the shops. What do they buy?

3 3.27 Choose the correct option. Then listen again and check.

- Are you doing *anything* / *nothing* tomorrow?
- Who told you that? *Anybody* / *Nobody*.
- How many pairs of Dr Martens have you got? *None* / *Any*.
- Everybody *has* / *have* a pair of Dr Martens!
- Are you kidding? *No one* / *None* would wear that!
- Nothing* / *None* of them fit.
- Let's have *something* / *anything* to eat first.
- I haven't eaten *something* / *anything* since breakfast.

LANGUAGE FOCUS

Indefinite pronouns

- You use indefinite pronouns to talk about people, things or places when you don't know who, what or where they are, or it is not important.

People	Things	Places	Examples
someone/ somebody	something	somewhere	Affirmative sentences: <i>Let's find somewhere to eat.</i> Requests/Offer: <i>Would you like something on your pancake?</i>
anybody/ anyone	anything	anywhere	Negative sentences or questions: <i>Is anyone at home?</i>
no one/ nobody	nothing	nowhere	Affirmative sentences (negative meaning): <i>Nobody knows.</i>
everyone/ everybody	everything	everywhere	All people/things/ places: <i>Is everything ready?</i>

- You use a singular verb: *Everybody has a pair of Dr Martens!*
- You can give extra information with ...
 - to + infinitive: *I need something to wear.*
 - an adjective: *We have something similar.*
 - a relative clause: *It's somebody who serves customers.*
- None* means 0 (zero). NOT ~~nothing~~ or ~~anything~~
None of my friends. NOT ~~No one of my friends.~~



4 Read the LANGUAGE FOCUS. Choose an appropriate indefinite pronoun to replace the underlined phrases in sentences 1–7.

- I know I put my bag down in a place in this shop.
- There is not one item of clothes in this shop that fits me!
- All the things I wanted to buy cost a fortune.
- Not one of the shop assistants offered to help.
- My girlfriend says she hasn't got one single thing to wear.
- Not one of the people knew who I was.
- Not one place in this town sells TOMS shoes.

5 USE OF ENGLISH Write a second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use the word in brackets.

- There is nothing to see here. (anything)
- There wasn't anybody to talk to. (nobody)
- I met a person who knows you. (somebody)
- Is there a quiet place where we can talk? (anywhere)
- I wanted some flip-flops but there weren't any in stock. (none)
- We all know what you're thinking. (everyone)
- Let's go to a hot place for our next holiday. (somewhere)
- He doesn't have any friends who like window shopping. (none)

6 Complete the sentences with an appropriate indefinite pronoun. Which sentences are true for you?

- There is nothing to do in my town. It's so boring!
- I didn't go _____ last night. I stayed in.
- I'd like _____ to eat. I'm really hungry!
- I can't find my sunglasses. I've looked _____.
- I bought my mum _____ expensive for her last birthday.
- None of my old jeans fit me any more.
- I don't think anybody in the class enjoys doing the shopping.
- I love vintage shops, but there are none in my city.