

1 The indefinite pronouns are:

anybody anyone anything everybody everyone everything
 nobody no one nothing somebody someone something

2 The indefinite pronouns always take a singular verb:

Everybody knows that. Everything was fine.

**3 When you refer back to indefinite pronouns you use a plural form if you are not sure whether to say he or she, him or her, his or her(s):**

Somebody's been eating my porridge and they've eaten it all up.
 Has everyone had as much as they want? Anyone will tell you if you ask them.

But you can use the singular form after *someone* or *somebody* if you know whether you are referring to a man or a woman:

Somebody called. She left a message.

4 If you use the indefinite pronouns *nobody*, *no one* or *nothing* you must not normally use another negative word in the same sentence.

You do not say: There wasn't nobody there. I didn't do nothing. Nobody didn't come.

You say: There was nobody there. I didn't do anything. Nobody came.

5 There are also indefinite adverb forms: *anywhere*, *everywhere*, *somewhere*, *nowhere*:

There was *nowhere* to hide. I can't find Barbara *anywhere*.

6 You can use the word *else* after indefinite pronouns to refer to other people or other places.

Everyone *else* is downstairs. I don't like it here. Let's go *somewhere else*.

7 You can add apostrophe 's to the word *else*:

He was wearing *someone else's* jacket. This isn't mine. It's *somebody else's*.

A Complete these sentences putting the indefinite pronouns or adverbs in the right place:

- Shop at Binn's! There's something for everybody. (everybody / something).
- Get a free prize! _____ likes to get _____ for _____. (everybody / nothing / something)
- _____ knows _____ but _____ knows _____. (everybody / everything / nobody / something)
- _____ should do _____, but _____ ever does _____. (anything / nobody / something / somebody)
- I know _____, because _____ ever tells me _____. (anything / nobody / nothing)
- I've looked _____, but I can't find it. I've probably left it _____ else. (everywhere / somewhere)



B Complete these sentences using an indefinite pronoun or adverb with *else* or *else's*:

- I spoke to Janet but I didn't talk to anyone else.
- He's not at home. He must have gone _____.
- I saw three people. There was Ken and Sylvia and _____.
- I was the only one there. There was _____.
- I'm sorry we haven't any lemonade. Would you like _____ ?
- Let's go to the cinema. There's _____ to do.
- I'm really hungry. I'd like _____ to eat.
- We stayed all the time in Athens. We didn't go _____.
- That doesn't belong to me. It must be _____.
- I had to borrow Stephen's jacket. _____ was big enough.

