



Boss: Did anyone call for me while I was at lunch?

Secretary: Oh, yes. Everybody wants you today! First of all, somebody rang about your car – it's ready to collect. Then, you need to call your wife back. And finally, your friend Malcolm rang. He wants to meet somewhere for a drink this evening.

Boss: Were there any calls about work?

Secretary: No, nothing like that.

Presentation

	-thing	-where	-one	-body
any-	anything	anywhere	anyone	anybody
every-	everything	everywhere	everyone	everybody
no-	nothing	nowhere	no one	nobody
some-	something	somewhere	someone	somebody

Use these pronouns with the verb in the singular form: *Everybody wants you today.*

- Use *any-* in questions: *Is there anything to do?*
- Use *not any-* in negative sentences: *There wasn't anything to do.*
- Note that *not any-* = *no-*: *There was nothing to do.*

You can use these pronouns before adjectives to add more detail: *She's cooking something special for dinner.*

TIP You can use *one* instead of *body*: *anyone, everyone, no one, someone.*

Exercises

1 Complete the sentences with the words in brackets.

- (nothing, everybody) Everybody was hungry but there was nothing to eat.
- (nobody, everybody) There's in the house. has gone to the beach.
- (anything, anybody) There isn't good on at the cinema. Does want to go out for a meal?
- (anybody, somebody) There's at the door – are you expecting ?
- (nobody, everything) I phoned but answered. Is OK?

2 Complete the sentences with the pairs of words in the box.

somewhere + nowhere something + somebody everywhere + anywhere
 anything + nothing ~~anybody + anywhere~~

- 1 Has anybody got José's number? I can't find it anywhere.
- 2 I've got exciting to tell you about you know.
- 3 We didn't do interesting all weekend – we stayed at home and did
- 4 I've lost my keys. I've looked for them but I can't find them
- 5 I'm looking for to park, but there's in this street.

3 Rewrite the sentences. Change *no-* to *not any-* and *not any-* to *no-*.

- 1 There's nobody in the house. There isn't anybody in the house.
- 2 There isn't anything to do. There's nothing to do.
- 3 There's nowhere to go.
- 4 There's nothing on TV.
- 5 There isn't anybody I want to phone.
- 6 There isn't anywhere worse than here.

4 Complete the conversations. Then listen and check.

Conversation 1

- A: Polly, I've got ¹ something to tell you. I'm leaving.
 B: But why John? I did ² for you.
 A: I know you did. But it will never work between us.
 B: Oh, John. Is there ³ I can do to change your mind?
 A: No, ⁴

Conversation 2

- C: Did you hear that?
 D: No, I didn't. I didn't hear ⁵
 C: I think there's ⁶ downstairs.
 D: No, there isn't. There's ⁷ downstairs. Go to sleep.
 C: Then what was THAT?

Conversation 3

- E: Your travel photos are wonderful. You've been ⁸
 F: Not really. Only to India and Thailand.
 E: Well, it's more than me. I haven't done ⁹ with my life and I haven't been ¹⁰
 F: That's not true. What about your camping holiday last year, for example?