



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

Secretary: Oh, yes. 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
no-	nothing	nowhere	no one	nobody
some-	something	somewhere	someone	somebody

Use these pronouns with the verb in the singular form: *Somebody wants to see you.*

- 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.*

## Exercises

### 1 Complete the words in the sentences.

- 1 I'm hungry but there's no..... in the kitchen.
- 2 There isn't any..... to eat.
- 3 All the shops are closed! Is there any..... open?
- 4 There's some..... at the door.
- 5 I phoned but no..... answered.
- 6 Let's meet some..... for a drink this evening.

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

somewhere + nowhere    something + somebody    somewhere + 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 put my keys ..... and now 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.****Conversation 1**

- A: Polly, I've got <sup>1</sup> something to tell you. I'm leaving.  
 B: But why John?  
 A: It will never work between us.  
 B: Oh, John. Is there <sup>2</sup> ..... I can do to change your mind?  
 A: No, <sup>3</sup> .....

**Conversation 2**

- C: Did you hear that?  
 D: No, I didn't. I didn't hear <sup>4</sup> .....  
 C: I think there's <sup>5</sup> ..... downstairs.  
 D: No, there isn't. There's <sup>6</sup> ..... downstairs. Go to sleep.  
 C: Then what was THAT?

**Conversation 3**

- E: Your travel photos are wonderful. I'm so jealous! I haven't been <sup>7</sup> ..... in my life.  
 F: Of course you've been <sup>8</sup> .....! Last year you went camping.  
 E: But I haven't been to other countries.  
 F: I've only been to India and Thailand.  
 E: Well, it's more than me. I haven't done <sup>9</sup> ..... with my life.