



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

Conversation 2

- C: Did you hear that?
 D: No, I didn't. I didn't hear ⁴
 C: I think there's ⁵ downstairs.
 D: No, there isn't. There's ⁶ 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 ⁷ in my life.
 F: Of course you've been ⁸! 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 ⁹ with my life.