RULE SHEET

Compounds of some, any, no and every



some- in positive sentences: I saw **someone**. **any-** in negative sentences and in most questions: I didn't see **anyone**. Did you see **anyone**? **no-** = not + any-: I saw **no one**. **every-** = all: **Everyone** is here.

People, things and places

	people	things	places
some-	someone / somebody	something	somewhere
any-	anyone / anybody	anything	anywhere
no-	no one / nobody	nothing	nowhere
every-	everyone / everybody	everything	everywhere

Examples

- There's **somebody** in the garden. · Let's go **somewhere** quiet.
- There isn't **anything** in the box. = There's **nothing** in the box.
- Would you like **something** to drink? (an offer: some-)

Careful! Only one negative: I didn't see **anybody** (not: I didn't see nobody). **every-** and **no-** take a singular verb: Everybody **is** happy. Nobody **knows** the answer. **-one** and **-body** mean the same: someone = somebody. **no one** is two words. (British English also writes no-one.)

PRACTICE 1

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

People, things and places

1 Tick the correct word.

1. There's _____ under my bed. I think it's a sock.
   ○ someone ○ something ○ somewhere
2. _____ is at the door. Can you open it? ○ Someone ○ Something ○ Somewhere
3. I want to live _____ warm one day. ○ somewhere ○ something ○ someone
4. Everybody in my family _____ football. ○ like ○ likes
5. I cooked _____ for the party: pizza, cake and salad.
   ○ everything ○ everyone ○ everywhere
6. I looked _____ for my cat. ○ everything ○ everywhere ○ everyone
7. _____ phoned me today. My phone was quiet.
   ○ Somebody ○ Nobody ○ Everybody
8. There's _____ in the fridge. It's empty. ○ nothing ○ nowhere ○ nobody

2 Complete with some- + one, thing or where.

Example: There's _____ on your shirt. It's a spider! → *something*

1. I need _____ to help me with this box.
2. Let's go _____ quiet for our picnic.
3. Ouch! There's _____ in my eye!
4. _____ left the door open. Now the cat is outside.
5. Please buy _____ for dinner on the way home.
6. My keys are _____ in the car.