



## Some / Any:

# Compound Pronouns: Something, Anything, Nothing

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

- I can hear \_\_\_\_\_. What's that noise?  
a) something  
b) anything  
c) nothing  
d) everything
- Is there \_\_\_\_\_ in the box?  
a) something  
b) anything  
c) nothing  
d) everything
- \_\_\_\_\_ called while you were out. She didn't leave her name.  
a) Somebody  
b) Anybody  
c) Nobody  
d) Everybody
- I looked everywhere, but I couldn't find \_\_\_\_\_ to help me.  
a) somebody  
b) anybody  
c) nobody  
d) everybody
- There's \_\_\_\_\_ wrong with my phone. It won't turn on.  
a) anything  
b) nothing  
c) something  
d) everything
- Did \_\_\_\_\_ see my keys? I can't find them.  
a) someone  
b) no one  
c) anyone  
d) everyone
- I have \_\_\_\_\_ to tell you. It's a surprise!  
a) something  
b) anything  
c) nothing  
d) everything
- She didn't go \_\_\_\_\_ last weekend. She stayed at home.  
a) somewhere  
b) anywhere  
c) nowhere  
d) everywhere
- \_\_\_\_\_ is perfect. We all make mistakes.  
a) Somebody  
b) Anybody  
c) Nobody  
d) Everybody
- I put my wallet \_\_\_\_\_ and now I can't remember where.  
a) anywhere  
b) nowhere  
c) everywhere  
d) somewhere
- Would you like \_\_\_\_\_ to eat?  
a) anything  
b) something  
c) nothing  
d) everything

12. There's \_\_\_\_ at the door. Can you open it?  
a) anyone  
b) no one  
c) everyone  
d) someone
13. I don't know \_\_\_\_ about Chinese history.  
a) something  
b) nothing  
c) everything  
d) anything
14. \_\_\_\_ happened last night. Everything was quiet.  
a) Something  
b) Anything  
c) Nothing  
d) Everything
15. Can \_\_\_\_ help me carry these bags?  
a) someone  
b) anyone  
c) no one  
d) everyone
16. He hardly knows \_\_\_\_ in this town.  
a) someone  
b) no one  
c) everyone  
d) anyone
17. Let's go \_\_\_\_ nice for dinner tonight.  
a) anywhere  
b) somewhere  
c) nowhere  
d) everywhere
18. There was \_\_\_\_ interesting at the exhibition. I was disappointed.  
a) something  
b) anything  
c) nothing  
d) everything
19. Has \_\_\_\_ seen my glasses?  
a) someone  
b) no one  
c) everyone  
d) anyone
20. I'd like to live \_\_\_\_ warm, like Spain or Italy.  
a) somewhere  
b) anywhere  
c) nowhere  
d) everywhere



## Answers

1. a) something
2. b) anything
3. a) Somebody
4. b) anybody
5. c) something
6. c) anyone
7. a) something
8. b) anywhere
9. c) Nobody
10. d) somewhere
11. b) something
12. d) someone
13. d) anything
14. c) Nothing
15. a) someone
16. d) anyone
17. b) somewhere
18. c) nothing
19. d) anyone
20. a) somewhere



# Explanations

**1. “something” (a)**

Use 'something' in affirmative sentences. The speaker hears a noise — a positive statement about what they perceive.

**2. “anything” (b)**

Use 'anything' in questions. 'Is there...?' is a question and we don't know what to expect.

**3. “Somebody” (a)**

Use 'somebody' in affirmative sentences. We know a person called — this is a positive fact.

**4. “anybody” (b)**

Use 'anybody' in negative sentences. 'Couldn't find' is negative, so we use 'anybody'.

**5. “something” (c)**

Use 'something' in affirmative sentences. The speaker states a positive fact — a problem exists with the phone.

**6. “anyone” (c)**

Use 'anyone' in questions. 'Did...?' starts a question, so we use 'anyone'.

**7. “something” (a)**

Use 'something' in affirmative sentences. The speaker has news to share — a positive statement.

**8. “anywhere” (b)**

Use 'anywhere' in negative sentences. 'Didn't go' is negative, so we use 'anywhere'.

**9. “Nobody” (c)**

'Nobody' makes the sentence negative without using 'not'. 'Nobody is perfect' = no person is perfect.

**10. “somewhere” (d)**

Use 'somewhere' in affirmative sentences. The speaker placed the wallet in a location — a positive fact.

**11. “something” (b)**

Use 'something' in questions when making an offer. 'Would you like...?' is an offer, so we expect a positive answer.

**12. “someone” (d)**

Use 'someone' in affirmative sentences. The speaker knows a person is there — a positive statement.

**13. “anything” (d)**

Use 'anything' in negative sentences. 'Don't know' is negative, so we use 'anything'.

**14. “Nothing” (c)**

'Nothing' makes the sentence negative without 'not'. The second sentence confirms that no events occurred.

**15. “someone” (a)**

Use 'someone' in questions when making a request and you hope the answer is yes. 'Can someone help me?' expects a volunteer. In contrast, 'anyone' would be a neutral question without this expectation.

**16. “anyone” (d)**

'Hardly' is a semi-negative word, so we use 'anyone' after it. 'Hardly anyone' means 'almost nobody'.

**17. “somewhere” (b)**

Use 'somewhere' in affirmative sentences and suggestions. 'Let's go' is a positive suggestion.

**18. “nothing” (c)**

'Nothing' makes the sentence negative without 'not'. The speaker was disappointed because no interesting things were there.

**19. “anyone” (d)**

Use 'anyone' in questions. 'Has...?' starts a question, and we don't know if a person has seen them.

**20. “somewhere” (a)**

Use 'somewhere' in affirmative sentences. 'I'd like' expresses a positive wish about a place.