

## ⚡ PREPARE

**CONCEPT** Pronouns take the place of a noun (names a person, place, thing, or idea) in a sentence. An indefinite pronoun does not refer to a specific person, place, or thing. The ability to think and talk about pronouns helps students understand and explain texts accurately and write effectively.

**VOCABULARY** indefinite pronoun

**MATERIALS** Lesson reproducibles

## ⚡ INSTRUCT

**ANCHOR CHART** *[Display Reproducible page 1.]*

- Introduce the **Concept** of this lesson. (See above.)
- Remind students of the following:
  - A **pronoun** replaces a noun in a sentence.
- Review the **Anchor Chart** with students. Review the definition and examples of **indefinite pronouns**, and discuss the example sentences.

## ⚡ PRACTICE

*[Display Reproducible page 2, Pronoun Practice, Part A.]*

- Read the directions with students.
- Prompt: *What is happening in the sentence? What is the pronoun that does not refer to a specific person, place, or thing?*

*[Display Reproducible page 2, Choose the Pronoun, Part B.]*

- Read the directions with students.
- Prompt: *What is happening in the sentence? Which indefinite pronoun best completes the sentence?*

*[Display Reproducible page 2, Fill-In-the-Blank, Part C.]*

- Read the directions with students.
- Prompt: *What is happening in the sentence? Which indefinite pronoun best completes the sentence?*

*[Display Reproducible page 3, Sentence Fix, Part D.]*

- Read the directions with students.
- Prompt: *What is happening in the sentence? What do you notice about the underlined words that can help you choose the correct indefinite pronoun? Which indefinite pronoun correctly replaces the underlined words?*

★ Note that an Answer Key is available for teacher reference on Lesson page 2.

## ANSWER KEY FOR TEACHER REFERENCE

[Blank student copies are found on Reproducible pages 2 & 3.]

### [Reproducible page 2, Pronoun Practice, Part A]

1. Donovan invited everyone to the party.
2. After his run, Marcus was so hungry that he would have eaten anything.
3. When given the choice between empanadas and tamales, I choose both.
4. It is always nice to see someone you know at school.
5. Nothing could change the coach's mind.
6. Teachers truly believe that anyone can learn to read.
7. When the bell rang, none remained in class.

### [Reproducible page 2, Choose the Pronoun, Part B]

1. (Anything None ) can happen if you put your mind to it.
2. (Both Everything ) are big fans of women's professional basketball.
3. There has to be ( someone, something ) that can be done to fix the computer.
4. There are only a (few all ) who enjoy doing laundry.
5. Elyse likes (nothing anyone ) more than to climb mountains.
6. Without ( none, everyone ), the party feels lonely.
7. (Someone Everything ) will always care about you.

### [Reproducible page 3, Fill-In-the-Blank, Part C]

1. Maria is so friendly that she makes friends with everyone she meets.
2. Juan-Carlos could not decide between eggs or pancakes, so he asked for both.
3. Anything would have been better than awkward silence.
4. The phone rang and rang, but nobody answered.
5. The few who saw what happened were amazed.
6. Something was scratching at the door, but I was afraid to look.

### [Reproducible page 3, Sentence Fix, Part D]

	Original Sentence	New Sentence
1.	<u>Not food, songs, nor games</u> could cheer him up.	Nothing could cheer him up.
2.	We wanted to buy her a <u>gift</u> for her birthday.	<u>We wanted to buy her something for her birthday.</u>
3.	<u>The whole school</u> volunteered to help.	<u>All</u> volunteered to help.
4.	<u>None of the students</u> sang.	<u>Nobody</u> sang.
5.	<u>Only three people</u> in the town voted.	<u>Few</u> in the town voted.
6.	<u>Carrots and broccoli</u> are delicious.	<u>Both</u> are delicious.

## ANCHOR CHART

# Indefinite Pronouns

Indefinite pronouns do not refer to a specific person, place, or thing.

singular	everyone someone anybody nobody	I am taller than Franklin, Kobe, or Travis. I am taller than <i>everyone</i> .
singular	everything something anything nothing	Amy eats any meat or vegetables on her pizza. Amy eats <i>anything</i> on her pizza.
singular	each	The election was only for two people. The election was only for a <i>few</i> .
plural	many few both all none	



What is a singular indefinite pronoun that refers to many people?

★ An indefinite pronoun that ends in **-one**, **-body**, and **-thing** is singular. Most other indefinite pronouns are plural.

## PRACTICE

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### Pronoun Practice

A. Read the sentence. Then, circle the indefinite pronoun.

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### Choose the Pronoun

B. Read the sentence. Then, circle the correct indefinite pronoun.

1. (Anything None ) can happen if you put your mind to it.
2. ( Both, Everything ) are big fans of women's professional basketball.
3. There has to be ( someone, something ) that can be done to fix the computer.
4. There are only a ( few, all ) who enjoy doing laundry.
5. Elyse likes ( nothing, anyone ) more than to climb mountains.
6. Without ( none, everyone ), the party feels lonely.
7. ( Someone, Everything ) will always care about you.

## ⚡ PRACTICE (CONTINUED)

### Fill-In-the-Blank

C. Read the sentence. Then, fill in the blank with the correct indefinite pronoun from the box.

anything      **everyone**      both      nobody      few      something

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6. \_\_\_\_\_ was scratching at the door, but I was afraid to look.

### Sentence Fix

D. Read each original sentence. Then, rewrite the sentence by replacing the underlined words with an indefinite pronoun from the box. Don't forget to use your SNEEQS.

nobody      something      all      few      both      **nothing**

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