

not + anybody/anyone/anything
nobody/no one/nothing

A

not + anybody/anyone

nobody / no one

(for people)



- There **isn't** {anybody
anyone} in the room.
- There **is** {nobody
no one} in the room.
- A: **Who** is in the room?
B: **Nobody.** / **No one.**

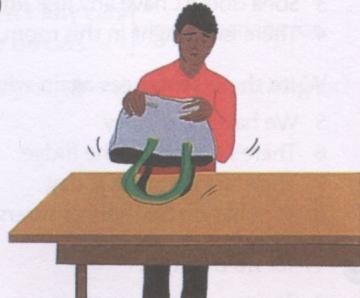
-body and -one are the same:

anybody = anyone nobody = no one

not + anything

nothing

(for things)



- There **isn't** anything in the bag.
- There **is** nothing in the bag.
- A: **What's** in the bag?
B: **Nothing.**

B

not + anybody/anyone

- I don't know **anybody** (or **anyone**) here.

nobody = not + anybody

no one = not + anyone

- I'm lonely. I have **nobody** to talk to.
(= I don't have **anybody**)
- The house is empty. There is **no one** in it. (= There **isn't anyone** in it.)

not + anything

- I can't remember **anything**.

nothing = not + anything

- She said **nothing**
(= She didn't say **anything**.)
- There's **nothing** to eat.
(= There **isn't anything** to eat.)

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You can use **nobody/no one/nothing** at the beginning of a sentence or alone (to answer a question):

- The house is empty. **Nobody** lives there.
- "Who did you speak to?" "**No one.**"

- Nothing** happened.
- "What did you say?" "**Nothing**"

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Remember: negative verb + anybody/anyone/anything

affirmative verb + nobody/no one/nothing

- He **doesn't** know **anything** (not He **doesn't** know **nothing**)
- Don't** tell **anybody**. (not **Don't** tell **nobody**)
- There **is** **nothing** to do in this town. (not There **isn't** **nothing**)

Exercises

76.1 Write these sentences again with **nobody/no one or nothing**.

- 1 There isn't anything in the bag.
- 2 There isn't anybody in the office.
- 3 I don't have anything to do.
- 4 There isn't anything on TV.
- 5 There wasn't anyone at home.
- 6 We didn't find anything.

There's nothing in the bag.

There's

I

76.2 Write these sentences again with **anybody/anyone or anything**.

- 1 There's nothing in the bag.
- 2 There was nobody on the bus.
- 3 I have nothing to read.
- 4 I have no one to help me.
- 5 She heard nothing.
- 6 We have nothing for dinner.

There isn't anything in the bag.

There wasn't

76.3 Answer these questions with **nobody/no one or nothing**.

1a What did you say? <u>Nothing</u> .	5a Who knows the answer?
2a Who saw you? <u>Nobody</u> .	6a What did you buy?
3a What do you want?	7a What happened?
4a Who did you meet?	8a Who was late?

Now answer the same questions with complete sentences.

Use **nobody/no one/nothing or anybody/anyone/anything**:

- 1b I didn't say anything.
- 2b Nobody saw me.
- 3b I don't
- 4b I
- 5b
- 6b
- 7b
- 8b

the answer.

76.4 Complete the sentences. Use:

nobody/no one/nothing or anybody/anyone/anything

- 1 That house is empty. Nobody lives there.
- 2 Jack has a bad memory. He can't remember anything.
- 3 Be quiet! Don't say anything.
- 4 I didn't know about the meeting. Nothing told me.
- 5 "What did you have to eat?" " Nothing. I wasn't hungry."
- 6 I didn't eat anything. I wasn't hungry.
- 7 Emily was sitting alone. She wasn't with anybody.
- 8 I'm sorry, I can't help you. There's nothing I can do.
- 9 I don't know anything about car engines.
- 10 The museum is free. It doesn't cost anything to go in.
- 11 I heard a knock at the door, but when I opened it, there was nothing there.
- 12 Antonio spoke very fast. I didn't understand anything.
- 13 "What are you doing tonight?" " Nothing. Why?"
- 14 Olivia is out of town. Nobody knows where she is. She didn't tell anybody where she was going.