



Something, Anything, Nothing — A2 exercises

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A. Multiple choice

10 questions

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. There's ____ at the door.
A) anybody B) nobody's C) somebody D) everybody's
2. I didn't see ____ in the corridor.
A) anything B) something C) nothing D) everything
3. ____ was in the office when I arrived.
A) Anybody B) Nobody C) Anything D) Nowhere
4. Would you like ____ to drink?
A) anything B) nothing C) something D) everything
5. Is there ____ I can do to help?
A) something B) nothing C) anything D) somewhere
6. ____ in this town closes at nine.
A) Everything B) Anything C) Nothing at D) Somewhere
7. We went ____ interesting last weekend.
A) anywhere B) nowhere's C) somewhere D) everywhere's
8. I've looked ____ and I still can't find it.
A) somewhere B) anywhere C) everywhere D) nowhere
9. Which sentence is correct?
A) I didn't say nothing. B) I said nothing. C) I didn't said nothing. D) I not said nothing.
10. ____ knows the answer to that question.
A) Anybody B) Something C) Anywhere D) Nobody

B. Fill in the blank

8 questions

Write the missing word or words in the gap.

1. There's _____ waiting for you in reception.
2. I didn't buy _____ at the market today.
3. _____ phoned while you were out, but they didn't leave a name.

4. Would you like _____ to eat before the film?
5. Is there _____ in the bathroom? The door is locked.
6. _____ happened all afternoon — it was completely quiet.
7. We went _____ quiet for our anniversary.
8. I've searched _____ and the passport isn't in the flat.

C. Sentence building

5 questions

Put the words in the correct order and write the sentence on the line.

1. at / the / somebody / front / door. / There / is

Announce an unidentified visitor.

2. didn't / I / anything / night. / hear / unusual / last

Deny noticing a disturbance.

3. answered / phone / the / morning. / this / Nobody

Report a failed attempt to reach somebody.

4. to / something / Would / you / drink? / like

Offer a guest a beverage.

5. do? / Is / I / there / can / anything

Offer help with a genuine question.

Answer key

Every answer carries the reason behind it. Read the reason for the questions you got right as well — that is where you find out whether you were right for the right reason.

A. Multiple choice

1. **C) somebody** — A positive statement takes the some- form.
2. **A) anything** — The verb is already negative, so the pronoun must be an any- form.
3. **B) Nobody** — Nobody makes the sentence negative on its own.
4. **C) something** — Offers take the some- form even though they are questions.
5. **C) anything** — A genuine question takes the any- form.
6. **A) Everything** — Everything refers to the whole set and takes a singular verb.
7. **C) somewhere** — A positive statement takes somewhere, and the adjective follows it.
8. **C) everywhere** — Everywhere means in all places.
9. **B) I said nothing.** — Nothing is already negative, so the verb stays positive.
10. **D) Nobody** — Nobody makes the statement negative without another negative word.

B. Fill in the blank

1. **somebody** — A positive statement takes the some- form.
2. **anything** — The negative verb requires the any- form.
3. **Somebody** — A positive statement takes the some- form.
4. **something** — Offers take the some- form despite being questions.
5. **anybody** — A genuine question takes the any- form.
6. **Nothing** — Nothing carries the negative meaning without another negative word.
7. **somewhere** — A positive statement takes somewhere, with the adjective after it.
8. **everywhere** — Everywhere means in all possible places.

C. Sentence building

1. **There is somebody at the front door.**
2. **I didn't hear anything unusual last night.**
3. **Nobody answered the phone this morning.**
4. **Would you like something to drink?**
5. **Is there anything I can do?**