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| **Lesson Title:** Indefinite Pronouns | | **Theme:** Grammar | |
| **Practice Activity:** PHL-09-133 | | **Class:** JSS 3 | |
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| **Learning Outcomes**  By the end of the lesson, you will be able to:  1. Determine why they are called indefinite pronouns.  2. Recognise the functions of indefinite pronouns in sentences.  3. Use indefinite pronouns effectively in sentences. | | | |

**Overview**

**Indefinite pronouns** do not refer to a specific person or thing. They are used in a general sense. They can be either singular or plural:

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| **Singular** | **Plural** |
| another, any, anybody, anyone, anything, each, either, everybody, everyone, everything, much, neither, no one, nobody, none, oneself, somebody, someone, something | both, few, many, most, much, other, several, some |

Examples of singular indefinite pronouns:

* **Nobody** went to the meeting.
* **Each** pupil had a uniform.

Examples of plural indefinite pronouns

* **Most** have already left.
* **Several** children are sick.

A singular indefinite pronoun should not be referred to as if it were a plural. For example, it is incorrect to say, ‘Everyone must have their fair share of the blame’. It is correct to say, ‘Everyone must have his or her fair share of the blame’.

It is also wrong to switch from the indefinite pronoun ‘one’ to another pronoun. For instance, it is incorrect to say, ‘One must not miss his chance’. It is correct to say, ‘One must not miss one’s chance’.

**Practice**

**Activity 1**

Complete the sentences using the indefinite pronoun that best fits from the word bank.

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| everywhere | somewhere | anyone |
| something | everybody | anything |

1. The bag is empty, there isn’t \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in it.
2. I lost my phone. I’ve looked for it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. I like the people at my school. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is very friendly.
4. They live \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the northern part of the country.
5. It is a secret, please don’t tell \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
6. He whispered \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but I didn’t understand him.

**Activity 2**

Choose the best indefinite plural pronoun to complete the sentences.

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| 1. There are \_\_\_\_\_\_ pupils at the school dance. Almost everyone is here. 2. There are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ bananas left, but I will share. 3. My brother likes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ blue and green. Those are his favourite colours. 4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of my friends will be at my party. Only two have said they cannot come. 5. I don’t want \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ dessert. I ate a lot at lunch. | 1. most 2. few 3. both 4. much 5. many |

**Activity 3**

Choose the best answer from the multiple choice options give to complete the sentences.

1. Almost \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Sierra Leone knows about the game of football.
   1. someone
   2. everyone
   3. everywhere
   4. all
2. There are still lots of empty seats at the assembly. We can sit \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ we like.
   1. anywhere
   2. everywhere
   3. anyone
   4. somewhere
3. Can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lift this couch? It’s too heavy for me.
   1. everyone
   2. anybody
   3. anything
   4. many
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ answered the phone when I called.
   1. Anyone
   2. Someone
   3. Nowhere
   4. Oneself
5. There is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in my tea. I think it’s a mosquito.
   1. someone
   2. anything
   3. something
   4. nobody

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**Activity 1**

1. anything 2. everywhere 3. everybody 4. somewhere 5. anyone 6. something

**Activity 2**

1. many 2. few 3. both 4. most 5. much

**Activity 3**

1. b 2. a 3. b 4. b 5. c