

Indefinite Pronouns

An **indefinite pronoun** does not refer to a specific person, place, or thing.

Example:

Somebody will do the work.

The indefinite pronouns *anybody, anyone, anything, each, everyone, everybody, everything, nobody, no one, nothing, one, somebody, someone, and something* are singular. They take singular verbs.

Example:

Everyone is coming to the play.

The indefinite pronouns *both, few, many, several, and some* are plural. They take plural verbs.

Example:

Many are coming to the play.

Indefinite pronouns agree with their possessive pronouns in number and gender.

Example:

Each of the boys sent *his* invitations.



Write the word in parentheses that correctly completes each sentence.

1. Last night, everyone _____ putting on a costume.
(was, were)
2. All of the spectators _____ waiting for the play.
(was, were)
3. Several of the performers couldn't put on _____ makeup.
(her, their)
4. Some of the younger children _____ crying.
(was, were)
5. One of the first-grade teachers _____ comforting the unhappy children.
(was, were)
6. Both of the stars had forgotten _____ lines.
(his, her, their)
7. When the final curtain fell, however, most of the spectators had enjoyed _____
(himself, herself, themselves)
and _____ smiling.
(was, were)
8. Several of the girls gave _____ teacher a bouquet of flowers.
(her, their)
9. Few _____ in a hurry to leave the auditorium.
(was, were)
10. Each of the performers _____ given a small gift.
(was, were)
11. No one _____ to go home empty-handed.
(was, were)
12. _____ anybody have a camera?
(Do, Does)

