

Lie la lie

a song by Grumpy Old Man (Alan Smith Robertson)

<https://youtu.be/4cNFsopYGNM> | <https://sptfy.es/lie>

Do you know all of these indefinite pronouns? What do they describe?

Somebody	Anybody	Everybody	Nobody	--->	people, places, things
Someone	Anyone	Everyone	No-one	--->	people, places, things
Something	Anything	Everything	Nothing	--->	people, places, things
Somewhere	Anywhere	Everywhere	Nowhere	--->	people, places, things

Try to guess which indefinite pronouns from the previous exercise go in each gap. Then listen to the song to check. Sometimes more than one indefinite pronoun is possible.

In the bar ¹ _____'s trying to drown his sorrows
² _____ ignores him and his tears
And he sees that ³ _____ cares at all
Lie la lie, lie la lie la lie

Now we're lost ⁴ _____ in this old city
⁵ _____ you look is all the same
In the silence ⁶ _____ screams aloud
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I don't love ⁷ _____ at all
I can live with myself, I've got ⁸ _____ to go
And I feel ⁹ _____ in my despair
No matter how much I try I can't go ¹⁰ _____

I didn't get ¹¹ _____ I wanted
But I have ¹² _____ I need
When ¹³ _____'s left to fill my emptiness
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Post-listening activities

In line 1, what does the expression “to drown your sorrows” mean?

Fill the gaps with an appropriate indefinite pronoun:

I like my friends a lot. It's good to have _____ to talk to.
I love staying in bed late and doing _____ on Sunday morning.
The place where I live is really boring. There isn't _____ to do at night.
I think _____ should learn to speak English.
I always try to do _____ fun at the weekend.
I have _____ to go tonight. I think I'll stay at home.



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Teacher's answer sheet. Length: approximately 15 minutes

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In the bar ¹ **someone's** trying to drown his sorrows
² **Everyone** ignores him and his tears
And he sees that ³ **nobody** cares at all
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I didn't get ¹¹ **anything** I wanted
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to drink a lot of alcohol in order to forget something sad that has happened to you

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