

# PRACTICAL GRAMMAR

## ANYONE/ANYBODY OR NO ONE/NOBODY?

Now compare these sentences.

There *isn't* **anyone/anybody** here to help you.

↓  
VERB IN THE NEGATIVE

There *is* **no one/nobody** here to help you.

↓  
VERB IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

→ NEGATIVE

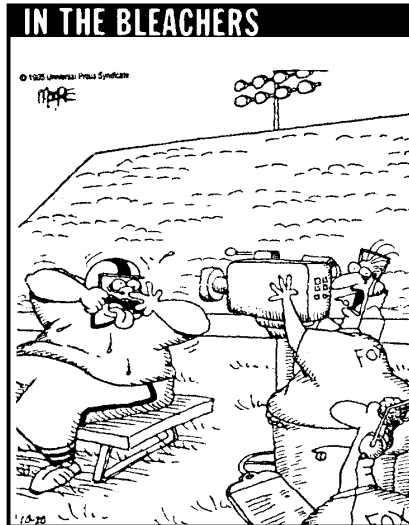


For a negative sentence, use:

verb in the negative form + **anyone/anybody**

verb in the affirmative form + **no one/nobody**

Now that you know how to use **no one**, have fun with this cartoon.



“No one says ‘Hi, Mom’ anymore.”

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Finally, take a look at this dialogue:

IAN: There's **someone/somebody** at the door.

TIM: Go see who *it* is.

We use *it* to refer to **someone/somebody** since we don't know if it's a *he* or a *she*.

## Summary

### Someone and somebody

- affirmative sentences
- interrogative sentences
- offers and requests

### Anyone and anybody

- negative sentences with verb in the negative form
- interrogative sentences
- affirmative sentences to express the idea of a *single person, whoever it may be*

### No one and nobody

- negative sentences with verb in the affirmative form

AFFIRMATIVE SENTENCES → **someone/somebody**  
 → **anyone/anybody** — *a single person, whoever it may be*

NEGATIVE SENTENCES → **anyone/anybody** — if the verb is in the negative form  
 → **no one/nobody** — if the verb is in the affirmative form

INTERROGATIVE SENTENCES → **someone/somebody** or **anyone/anybody**

INTERROGATIVE SENTENCES → just use **someone/somebody**  
 EXPRESSING OFFERS AND REQUESTS