



## Not Any, No/None

### Grammar:

We use **NOT ANY** or **NO** to talk about the absence of something.

#### 1/ **NOT ANY**

We use **NOT ANY** to create a negative statement, usually with a countable noun in plural form.

In general, the pattern is:

**Subject + DO/DOES or DID + NOT + verb + ANY + noun**

- She doesn't have **any memories of the accident**.
- They didn't buy **any groceries yesterday**.
- There aren't **any people** in the office at lunchtime.

#### 2/ **NO**

We use **NO** after:

##### **a) after a verb in its positive form (no auxiliary is necessary)**

- There are no people in the office at lunchtime.
- She has no memories of the accident.
- They bought no groceries yesterday.

##### **b) there is / there are & have / has.**(it is a very common use)

- There is **no** problem.
- Rita has **no** time for leisure these days.

### 3/ None

We use **NONE** without a noun to talk about the absence of something

She asked for a window seat but there was none left.

- She asked for a window seat but there was none left. (= there was no window seat which was available)
- I wanted to buy a scarf but I found none. (= I found no scarf)

## Dialogue:

- Wentworth: I don't see anyone but you in the class. What's the reason for everyone's absence?
- Sarah: I'm not sure. I heard that we had no class this afternoon.
- Wentworth: Who said so?
- Sarah: Wasn't there an announcement?
- Wentworth: Why are you there then?
- Sarah: My phone died... And, I wanted to make sure it wasn't just a rumour.
- Wentworth: I'm quite surprised no one other than you came to check.
- Sarah: I saw no one. But someone of my group texted me to notify me of your absence.
- Wentworth: Can I read it? Or did you erase it?
- Sarah: I have it. I'll show you. You see? I think none of them doubted the piece of information given in the SMS.
- Wentworth: Wait! Wait a minute! It's a forward text! That's my number!
- Sarah: Did you get your phone stolen?
- Wentworth: Oh no! I sent the message to Martin, your classmate.
- Sarah: I don't understand.
- Wentworth: I was supposed to meet a friend tonight but my children are sick so I cancelled this morning or so I thought.
- Sarah: What do you mean?
- Wentworth: My friend's called Martin. I wrote one Martin in block letters, the other one in lower case letters. I should have speed-dialled my friend. I mistook the two of them. I need to call my friend... Dammit. I hope he'll pick up the phone. Hi Martin! How are you doing, mate? I'm sorry I can't make it tonight, Tamzin and Sean are sick. Do you mind? I'm sorry for letting you at the very last minute... You don't mind?! I'm relieved! I owe you one! Have a nice evening, cheers. I can't believe it... That's what I get for writing down a number carelessly.
- Sarah: No one's perfect!
- Wentworth: Right, right. Well, you're free to go!
- Sarah: Thanks, see you on Thursday! Good day to you!