

Popular Pronouns



Some indefinite pronouns are singular:

EXAMPLES: anybody, anyone, anything, each, either, everybody, everyone, everything, neither, nobody, no one, nothing, one, somebody, someone, and something.

Some indefinite pronouns are plural:

EXAMPLES: both, few, many, several.

Some indefinite pronouns can be either singular or plural depending on their meaning in a sentence.

EXAMPLES: all, any, more, most, none, and some

Study the following sentences. The indirect pronoun is underlined; the verb is in italics:

Neither of the boys *wants* to go. (singular)

Both of the boys *want* to go. (plural)

None of the boys *are* going. (plural)

None of the cake *was* wasted. (singular)

Directions: Underline the indefinite pronoun in each sentence. Circle the correct verb.

1. If anybody (is/are) not feeling well, let me know.
2. Few (want/wants) to admit when they don't know how to do something.
3. Several (is planning/are planning) to attend the event.
4. Eighteen were selected, but none (is/are) expected to win.
5. Nothing (is going/are going) to come of this.
6. All (has been/have been) informed about the upcoming activities.
7. Both (was/were) nominated, but only one could win.
8. Most (has/have) already forgotten everything they learned.