

Indefinite Pronouns

Indefinite pronouns refer to an unknown or undetermined person, place or thing. Care must be taken to identify whether the pronoun is singular or plural to assure the proper conjugation of the verb.

Indefinite pronouns that are always singular:

Some indefinite pronouns always take a singular verb, which means that the verb is conjugated for a singular subject. For example:

Always singular Another, Anyone, Anything, Each, Either No One, Neither, Nobody, One, Someone, Something

Indefinite pronouns that are always plural:

Some indefinite pronouns always take a plural verb, which means that the verb is conjugated for a plural subject. For example:

Always plural Both, Few, Many, Several

Indefinite pronouns that may be singular or plural:

Some of them may take a plural or singular verb depending on the meaning. For example:

- **Some** of the money remains unclaimed.
 - In this sentence, **SOME** is the subject and the object of the preposition **MONEY** indicates whether the verb should be singular or plural. Because **MONEY** in this sentence is a single unit, the verb is singular. **SOME REMAINS.**
- **Some** of the children hide from the teacher.
 - In this sentence, **SOME** is the subject and the object of the preposition **CHILDREN** indicates whether the verb should be singular or plural. Because **CHILDREN** in this sentence is plural, the verb is plural. **SOME HIDE.**

Either plural or singular All, Most, None, Some

- **All** of the traditional groups we count on to re-elect us are against NAFTA.
- Almost **all** of the money in the budget is being diverted from those programs.
- **None** of the ways of looking at a President's legacy is simple.
- It would seem as if **none** of the relief supplies were actually delivered.
- **Some** of the pundits say that Bush is in danger of being made into Dan Quayle.
- Experts believe **some** of the negative campaigning appears to have run its course.

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