

GAP FILL

"Most of world's rivers damaged by humans"

A new study shows that 86 per cent of the world's rivers have been damaged by human (1) activity. The study was conducted by researchers from a university in Toulouse, France. They examined (2) data on over 2,500 rivers around the world. They did not look at rivers in the (3) polar regions of the Arctic and Antarctica or in deserts. The scientists looked into changes to (4) biodiversity over the past 200 years. They discovered that biodiversity in over half of rivers has been (5) seriously damaged by humans. The researchers said there were many (6) reasons for this damage. A big reason is the introduction of new (7) species of fish into rivers. Other reasons include pollution, dams, (8) overfishing, farming and climate change.

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The researchers say the worst-hit rivers are in (9) western Europe and North America. This is because these (10) regions have large and rich towns and cities. The (11) lead researcher said: "Rivers which have the most economic development around them, like the Mississippi River, are the most (12) strongly impacted." The River Thames in London was one of the worst-affected rivers in the (13) study. The least-impacted rivers are in Africa and Australia. The researcher said: "This is probably (14) due to a slower rate of industrialisation in Africa and low population (15) density around rivers in Australia." He added that rivers in many rich nations are unrecognisable (16) compared with how they were 200 years ago.

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nothing someone nobody everybody
nobody anything something

Indefinite Pronouns Worksheet

Supply INDEFINITE pronouns.

1. There is nothing in the clothes basket. It is empty.
2. I've tried phoning but every time I tried there was nobody in.
3. I have prepared something for dinner which you will like very much.
4. Would you like something to start with before the main meal?
5. He sat at the table but didn't have anything to eat.
6. You can do anything. I don't really care.
7. I met someone you know last night. She told me she had missed you very much.
8. That's a very easy job. Anyone can do it.
9. Did you turn the oven off? I think I can smell something burning.
10. Nobody offered help. They probably didn't have time.
11. Everybody arrived in good time and the meeting started promptly at 3:30.
12. When the show finished there was complete silence. nobody clapped.
13. Nobody likes being poor.

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

GRAMMAR WORKSHEET

INDEFINITE PRONOUNS



	PEOPLE	PLACES	THINGS
*any-	anyone anybody	anywhere	anything
every-	everyone everybody	everywhere	everything
no-	no one nobody	nowhere	nothing
some-	someone somebody	somewhere	something

Indefinite pronouns are used to talk about people, places or things without saying exactly who, where, or what they are. They are followed by singular verbs.

**'any-' vs 'some-': 'any-' is more often used in negative statements and questions.*

● Complete the sentences below with the correct indefinite pronouns.

- I looked everywhere for my cat, but I couldn't find it.
- James called his friend, but nobody answered the phone.
- I didn't go anywhere on the weekend, so I was really bored.
- Let's get something to eat after our class.
- Did you hear that? I think someone rang the doorbell.
- Everybody was on time. No one was late.
- I didn't eat anything for lunch, so I'm really hungry now.
- Linda understood everything/nothing that her teacher said.
- I had nowhere to go because all the shops were closed.
- Nobody came to school because it was a holiday.
- Fernando wants to go somewhere interesting next summer.
- Was anybody at home when you knocked on the door?

Prepositions 1

1. Round / across / down
2. At / in
3. Behind / next to
4. Down / off
5. Into / on
6. Across / through
7. Behind / round
8. Along / past



● Sentence Completion 11 *(low-intermediate level)*

Directions: Choose the best word(s) to complete each sentence.

1. Despite his growing wealth and popularity, Teddy remains ____ man.
A. **a humble**
B. a powerful
C. a greedy
D. an intelligent
2. Mary is _____. As a result, she _____.
A. kind ... gets in a lot of fights
B. **unfriendly ... has no friends**
C. generous ... is very wealthy
D. weird ... is very popular
3. Some snakes are very _____. Therefore, you should take caution if you see one.
A. **dangerous**
B. slippery
C. colorful
D. quick
4. The ticket costs ten dollars. I only have five dollars. I do not have _____ money to buy the ticket.
A. much
B. too much
C. a lot of
D. **enough**
5. _____ plants live longer than _____ ones.
A. tall ... smooth
B. beautiful ... good
C. **healthy ... sick**
D. rich ... poor
6. The rock is _____. I cannot lift it.
A. somewhat light
B. not large
C. **too heavy**
D. very smooth
7. Billy cannot play the piano very well. He _____ practices.
A. sometimes
B. usually
C. always
D. **never**
8. Cats are _____ and _____.
A. beautiful ... ugly
B. cold ... hot
C. strong ... pathetic
D. **kind ... gentle**
9. Although the desert gets very hot during the day, it is gets very _____ at night.
A. dry
B. sandy
C. **cold**
D. dangerous
10. Plants will die _____ they get sunlight.
A. **unless**
B. whenever
C. while
D. if

DETERMINERS WORKSHEET

1. Anywhere
2. Some time
3. Something
4. Anywhere
5. Anyone
6. Any time
7. Somehow
8. Nothing
9. Sometime
10. Somewhere
11. Someone
12. Nothing
13. Any more
14. Anything
15. Sometime
16. Anything
17. Nothing
18. Someone