

FUMC ESL 2-27-2023 High Intermediate and Advanced

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. What country would you most like to tour?

GRAMMAR: Using no, none and not.

Choose the correct word in parenthesis.

1. Would you believe it? There are (none, no) closets in the bedrooms of this apartment.
2. Sorry, I can't talk to you now. I've (none, no) time.
3. I'm sorry, but there were (none, no) letters for you today.
4. Are you sure there were (none, no) for me?
5. She's done (none, no) of the work, and deserves (none, no) of the reward.
6. He's (none, no) fool.
7. (None, no) tourists ever come to our village; (none, no) at all.
8. Don't tell me (none, no one) brought their key!
9. Don't tell me (none, no one) of the custodians brought their key!
10. After his presentation, (none, no one) spoke.
11. (None, No) teachers went on strike.
12. (None, No) of the teachers went on strike.

NOTE: We don't use NONE to talk about two. For example, we say, "Neither of the twins is in school today." NOT: "None of the twins is here today."

If you are talking about two people or things, use **neither**. If you are talking about more than two, use **none**. EX: Neither of my parents came to the meeting. If you say, "none" came, it implies you have more than two parents (which some people do).

Neither of Jim's children is ill. None of Jim's children are ill. By the way, neither is usually singular so should receive a singular verb. EX: Neither is ill. However, when neither is followed by a prepositional phrase with a plural noun, it is acceptable to use a plural verb, "neither of the children are ill".

NO DOUBT means probably. EX: No doubt, it'll rain soon. You're tired, no doubt.

UNDOUBTEDLY means the same as NO DOUBT. EX: Undoubtedly, Trump will run for president again.

WITHOUT A DOUBT means for sure. EX: Without a doubt, she's the best tennis player in the world.

NO MATTER means it is not important. EX: I'll love you no matter what you do. No matter where you go, you'll find Coca Cola machines. You'll be welcome no matter when you arrive.

In a conversation:

Janice: I'm sorry I was late to class.

Kyra: No matter, we were late getting started. You didn't miss anything.

Idioms with NO and NONE: Read the paragraphs or conversations and explain the meaning of the idiom in bold.

Sara: Which restaurant is best, McDonalds or Subway?

James: **No contest!** Subway is much healthier. I can't stand McDonalds

Jane: I'm really sorry I missed your birthday. My boss sent me to Chicago for work. I couldn't really say no. **No hard feelings**, I hope.

Tina: **No problem**, Jane. I know you can't control your work schedule.

Father: I agreed you could go out with Case tonight, but I want you home promptly at 10 PM, **no ifs, ands or buts**.

Daughter: Yes, Dad. You've told me that three times. I'll be home by 10.

Supervisor: I called a meeting of all the employees in this department to stress how important it is to keep your work area clean and neat. This morning I noticed half full paper coffee cups sitting around on all the surfaces. We have clients coming in every day. Leaving trash sitting around gives a bad impression.

Derek: Oh, boy. I guess we'll need a trash cop to make sure everyone throws away their paper cups now.

Supervisor: This is **no laughing matter**, Derek. I'm dead serious. I'm **in no mood** to put up with people who won't keep the place clean.

No wonder the baby was screaming. His diaper was soaked through.

Andy: I saw an ad for a new cell phone for \$50. But when I called, they said you had to sign a contract for cell service at \$300 a month.

Bill: That's a bad deal. I bought a new phone for \$300 **no strings attached**. They don't require you sign up for their cell service.

Ted: How much do you make at your new job, Anna?

Anna: That's none of your business, Ted.

Sam: I had a party at our house while my parents were in New York this weekend.

Karen: Won't you be in trouble if they find out?

Sam: I made sure to clean the place up this morning. They'll be **none the wiser**.

Jeff: I think boys are usually better at math than girls. **No offense**, Sara.

Sara: **None taken**, Jeff. I know most people think boys are better at math than girls. But I think that isn't always true. My sister wins all kinds of awards in math.

Let's stop by the bakery and pick up some croissants. The baker is a real artist and his croissants are **second to none**.

Ken: Sam is picking up food for the group so we don't have to stop studying. Would you prefer hamburgers or pizza?

Susan: Yuk! **None of the above**. Can't we have something a little healthier?

Shel Silverstein writes wonderful, humorous poems. Enjoy a few here.

Ations

If we meet and I say "Hi,"
That's a salutation.
If you ask me how I feel,
That's consideration.
If we stop and talk a while,
That's a conversation.
If we understand each other,
That's communication.
If we argue, scream and fight,
That's an altercation.
If later we apologize,
That's reconciliation.
If we help each other home,
That's cooperation.
And all these ations added up
Make civilization.

(And if I say this is a wonderful poem,
Is that exaggeration?)

How Not to Have to Dry the Dishes

If you have to dry the dishes,
(such an awful boring chore)
instead of going to the store,
if you have to dry the dishes,
And you drop one on the floor--
Maybe they won't let you
Dry the dishes anymore.

Anteater

"A genuine anteater,"
The pet man told my dad.
Turned out it was an AUNT eater,
And now my uncle is mad.