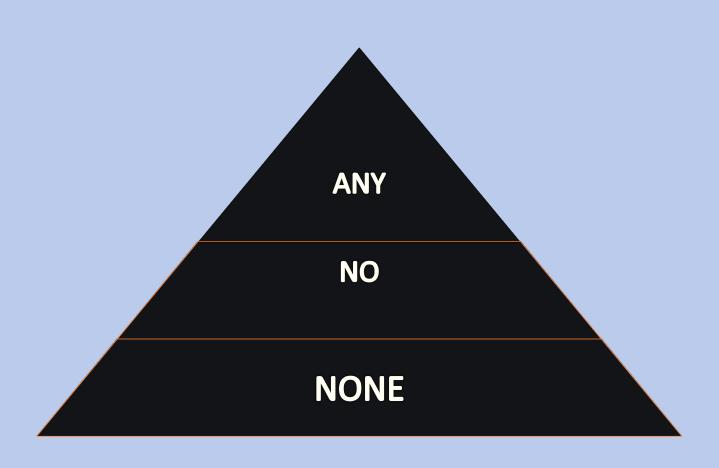# QUANTIFIERS

We use no + noun in sentences with a positive verb, and we use any + noun in negatives and questions.

No= not a or not any

- I have **no** friends.
- I don't have **any** friends.
- Do you have **any** friends?

any without noun

We can also use **any** as a pronoun, i.e. not followed by a noun.

- *'Is there any milk left?' 'No, there isn't **any**.'*

any in affirmative sentences

We can also use **any** in affirmative sentences when it means 'one or some, but it is not important which'.

- *You can come **any** weekend.* (=one weekend; it doesn't matter which)
- ***Any** child would know how to use this phone.*

none

We use **none** as a pronoun, i.e. not followed by a noun. We use **none** to replace countable or uncountable nouns.

- *'How many friends do you have?' '**None**.'*
- *I thought there was some coffee, but there's **none**.'*

We can also use **none of the/my/Tom's/etc.** + noun or **none of** + **us/you/them**.

- ***None of my students*** *is/are from France.*
- ***None of them*** *is/are from France.*

Note that when **None of …** is the subject of a sentence, we can use the verb in singular (more

nothing/anything, nobody/anybody, nowhere/anywhere

We use **nothing, nobody, nowhere** with positive verbs and **anything, anybody, anywhere** in negative sentences and questions.
Nothing, nobody, nowhere = **not anything, not anybody, not anywhere**

- *There's **nothing** that we can do. (=There is**n't anything** that we can do.)*
- *Have you seen John **anywhere**?*
- *We saw **nobody**. (=We didn't see **anybody**)*
- ***Nothing** happened.*

anything, anybody, anywhere in affirmative sentences

We can use **anything/anybody/anywhere** in affirmative sentences to mean 'it doesn't matter what/who/where.'

- *We can do **anything**.* (=it doesn't matter what.)
- ***Anybody** in the school could help us.* (=it doesn't matter who.)
- *We can go **anywhere**.* (=it doesn't matter where.)