

All, no

Introduction



We interviewed **all** the candidates last week but we had **no** luck.

Definition

All and **no** are quantifiers.

We use **all** to talk about the whole amount or quantity of something. We use **no** to refer to 'not **any**' or 'not one'.

Construction

Here are some examples:

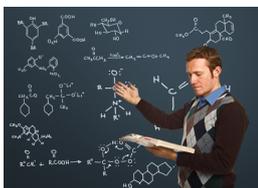
All	+ singular noun	I was in Paris all week.
	+ plural countable noun	All children like sweets.
	+ uncountable noun	All information will be available.
	+ 'the', possessive adjective or determiner	All <u>the</u> invitations are ready. All <u>my</u> colleagues are English. All <u>these</u> computers are broken.
	without a noun	All is well.

No	+ singular noun	No child likes bedtime.
	+ plural countable noun	No children like bedtime.
	+ uncountable noun	No information is available.

Uses

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All	To talk about a whole amount To talk about every person or object To mean 'the only thing(s)' With time periods	We drank all the water. We ate all the sandwiches. All I ate yesterday was a sandwich - I'm so hungry. I was busy all day.
No	To mean 'not any ' or 'not one' When something is forbidden	There is no milk in the fridge. There are no men in this team. " No smoking in this building."

Examples



I'm afraid there's **no** easy solution to this.



"How do you like your tea?" "Milk, **no** sugar, thanks."



There's **no** swimming here.



All I did this morning was check my email. I had absolutely **no** time to start this report!



He ate **all** the cake.



I think we have **all** we need now - let's start.



He was awake **all** night.

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