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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
	without a noun	broken.
		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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AII	To talk about a whole amount	We drank all the water.
	To talk about every person or object	We ate all the sandwiches.
	To mean 'the only thing(s)'	All I ate yesterday was a sandwich - I'm so hungry.
	With time periods	I was busy <mark>all</mark> day.
No	To mean 'not any' or 'not one'	There is no milk in the fridge. There are no men in this team.
	When something is forbidden	"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."

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There's no swimming here.



start this report!

All I did this morning was check my email. I had absolutely no time to



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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