

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:

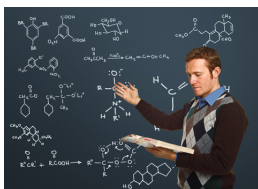
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| All | + singular noun | I was in Paris all week. |
| | + plural countable noun | All children like sweets. |
| | + uncountable noun | All information will be available. |
| | + 'the', possessive adjective or determiner | All <u>the</u> invitations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

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| 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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