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'.
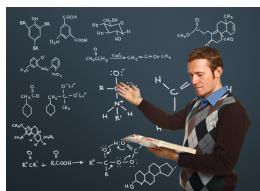
Construction

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 the invitations are ready. All my colleagues are English. All these 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	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 **all** 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."

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.