

8 Kung Hei Fat Choi!

Date : _____

Grade : _____



Grammar
Notes

Adverb: too

Why are there so many empty sweet wrappers in the tray?

Sorry, but the sweets are just **too** yummy...

Jasper, you're supposed to help prepare the sweet tray. You should not eat **anything** in the tray!



We use the adverb **'too'** to talk about something that is more than we want or need.

The lion dance parade was **too** noisy.

I think rice cakes are **too** sweet.

Grammar Tip

Note that we put 'too' before adjectives.

Warm-up



Jasper is writing about Chinese New Year. Fill in the blanks with the help of the given words.

too

boring crowded loud oily quiet small tired

1. Some people watch the fireworks at home because the street is _____.
2. Staying at home during Chinese New Year is _____ for me.
3. The TV screen at home is _____ for watching the fireworks.
4. I don't think the fireworks outside are _____.
5. Last year Ellie and I went out to watch the fireworks. She was sound asleep on the way home because she was _____.
6. I think Chinese New Year celebrations should not be _____!
7. Two years ago, I made turnip cakes with my cousins. I don't eat turnip cakes because they are _____. However, I enjoyed cooking with my cousins!



We use **indefinite pronouns** to refer to people and things in a general way. We use **'anyone'**, **'everyone'**, **'someone'** and **'no one'** to talk about people, and **'anything'**, **'everything'**, **'something'** and **'nothing'** to talk about things.

We use **'anyone'** and **'anything'** in questions and negative sentences, and **'someone'** and **'something'** in positive sentences to refer to a person and a thing we do not know.

Did you see **anything** interesting at the flower market?

There was **not anyone** absent from the family dinner.

Someone / Something at the windmill stall is funny.

We use **'everyone'** and **'everything'** to refer to all the people and things (in a group). We use **'no one'** and **'nothing'** to refer to nobody and no single thing.

Everyone / Everything in Uncle Adam's home looks great.

No one / Nothing

Grammar Tip

We write these indefinite pronouns as one single word, except for 'no one'.

Common
Errors

✓ Everyone **is** happy.

✗ Everyone **are** happy.

- Everything **is / are** in red at Chinese New Year.
- No one **feel / feels** sad at Chinese New Year.

Grammar Tip

We use singular verbs, e.g. 'is', after indefinite pronouns.

Warm-up

B Mr Fan is talking about how he celebrated Chinese New Year when he was small. Complete what he said with the correct indefinite pronouns.

During Chinese New Year, there wasn't ① _____ free.
 ② _____ felt bored. ③ _____ cleaned the house
 while others helped put up decorations. We normally had a mandarin tree and
 some peonies in the living room. ④ _____ in my family liked
 decorations in bright colours so ⑤ _____ in my home is in black.
 We bought and wore ⑥ _____ new for good luck. We visited the
 temple and hoped that ⑦ _____ would go well in the coming
 year. How about you? Is there ⑧ _____ you enjoy doing?



Practice



Mrs Fan is talking with Jasper about some Chinese New Year traditions. Complete their conversation with 'too' and the correct indefinite pronouns.



Mum, ① _____ said we can't wear ② _____ black during Chinese New Year. Is that true? Can you tell me more about the customs?



Well, ③ _____ wears red at this festival. ④ _____ wears colours like black and white. Also, we go to the flower market before the festival. When I was small, I used to think that flower markets were ⑤ _____ crowded and the stall owners were ⑥ _____ noisy crying there. But now, I enjoy visiting them very much.



How about greetings? Is there ⑦ _____ special we can say to greet others?



Certainly. You can wish people good health and good luck. ⑧ _____ wants to live a good life. When you say ⑨ _____ nice to the elders, they will give you red packets. We also put a sweet tray at home so that our guests can have ⑩ _____ to eat as snacks.



Hint: Q11

Which indefinite pronoun means 'all'?



Sweets and red packets are ⑪ _____ I want for Chinese New Year!

Proofreading



There is one mistake in each numbered line. Correct the underlined mistakes for Questions 1-2. Underline and correct the mistakes for Questions 3-7.

1. Everything had a great time at New Year's Eve dinner. The dishes 1. _____
2. were tasty but we didn't finish something on the plates. Because 2. _____
3. of the tradition, Mum didn't cook something in a small portion 3. _____
so that we could leave food for the next day. Afterwards, Ellie
4. wanted someone sweet for dessert so we made sweet dumplings. 4. _____
5. It was also difficult for me to make them so I asked Grandpa for 5. _____
6. help. No thing can make sweet dumplings better than he does. 6. _____
- In the end, Grandpa couldn't eat them with his false teeth
7. because the dumplings were to sticky. 7. _____

Grammar in Context



E Ellie is writing an e-mail to her penfriend. Complete the e-mail with the correct indefinite pronouns and with the help of the given words.

too

busy

expensive

full

long

messy

To : Pierre <pierre@frenchmail.com>

From : Ellie <ellie123@happymail.com>

Subject : The Big Chinese New Year!

Dear Pierre,

How are you? Did ① _____ interesting happen in the past few weeks? We are celebrating Chinese New Year here in Hong Kong. Does ② _____ in France celebrate this festival too?

Before the festival, I went shopping with my aunt. I saw a lovely red dress but I didn't buy it. It was ③ _____. My aunt bought new clothes for ④ _____ in the family. We wear new clothes at Chinese New Year because it means good fortune.

Including our clothes and the decorations, ⑤ _____ has to be in red. She also bought ⑥ _____ nice for keeping snacks in. It's a red and gold sweet tray. We put too many sweets and melon seeds in it so it was ⑦ _____. Now, we can't even cover it! We cleaned the house as well. My cousin's room was ⑧ _____ so he had to spend a long time tidying his room up.

We will have a big family dinner tonight. I miss my relatives as I can only see some of them once a year. The period is definitely ⑨ _____. I hope ⑩ _____ will be absent tonight. After dinner, we will go to the flower market together. For the moment, there is ⑪ _____ in our vase. I think we will get some orchids. Oh, ⑫ _____ in my family is going to prepare the dinner. It's Uncle Bob. I don't want him to be ⑬ _____ so I'd better go and help him.

What's your favourite festival? Write soon!

Love,

Ellie

 **Hint: Q12**

Which indefinite pronoun do we use to refer to a person we do not know?