

What are Indefinite Pronouns?

Worksheet

Indefinite pronouns refer to people or things without identifying them specifically. French forms include: on (one/we), quelque chose (something), rien (nothing), tout (everything), personne (nobody), quelqu'un (someone), and aucun (none).

Questions

1. French for 'someone'?
A) quelqu'un
B) quelque chose
C) personne
D) aucun
2. 'Nothing' (with ne)?
A) quelque chose
B) rien
C) tout
D) personne
3. Which means 'everyone' or 'people in general'?
A) quelqu'un
B) personne
C) on / Tout le monde
D) aucun
4. Fill blank: '___ m'a dit cela.'
A) Quelque chose
B) Personne
C) Quelqu'un
D) Rien
5. Someone called me yesterday.
6. I didn't see anything.
7. Everyone likes chocolate.
8. Define: What are indefinite pronouns?
9. Define: French for 'something'?
10. Define: When do you use 'on' in French?

Answer Key

1. A) quelqu'un — quelqu'un = someone; personne = nobody.
2. B) rien — rien = nothing; requires ne: Je n'ai rien.
3. C) on / Tout le monde — on or Tout le monde both express general/universal reference.
4. C) Quelqu'un — Quelqu'un m'a dit cela = Someone told me that.
5. Quelqu'un m'a appelé hier. (indefinite pronoun: we don't know who, but someone did the action)
6. Je n'ai rien vu. (negative indefinite: rien combines with ne for negation)
7. Tout le monde aime le chocolat. / On aime tous le chocolat. (indefinite expressing general/universal reference)
8. Pronouns referring to unspecified people or things: quelqu'un, rien, tout, personne, etc.
9. quelque chose (positive); rien (nothing, negative)
10. on = one, we, they (general or impersonal reference); very common in spoken French.

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