

What is the difference between some- and every-?

Compare the sentences on the left to the sentences on the right:

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| Can someone explain the difference between these two? | Can everyone please calm down! |
| I bought everything at that shop! | I bought something just for you. |
| Everybody, please be quiet! | I hear somebody talking. |
| There are bugs everywhere. | Where are my keys? I saw them somewhere, but I don't remember where.... |

1. What is the main difference between the right side and left side of the table?
2. When do we use "some-" and when do we use "every-?" Why?

Explanation:

These two are a little more obvious. We use every- when talking about people in general. We use some- when talking about an individual.

Read the following text and underline the indefinite pronouns

I've decided to quit my job and move to a new city. Somewhere hot, close to the beach. I talked to my boss this morning to let him know. I said everywhere I looked there were problems. Everything in this company is too disorganized and I could never find anything. There were more problems. I asked somebody what they thought, and they agreed with me. It's a new chapter for me, somewhere hot, with a beach.

Question: What do you think about this person's decision? Why?

Complete the sentences with the words in the box:

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| Everyone | Everything | Everywhere |
| Somewhere | Someone | Something |

1. Where has _____ gone?
2. I saw your cellphone in the classroom _____.
3. Excuse me, there is _____ on your face.
4. Before I die, I want to travel _____!
5. If I had a million dollars I would buy _____ in this store.
6. I saw _____ suspicious outside.

Match the sentences from A-F to 1-6

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| 1. Everywhere I go in this town | a. I can go to try these on? |
| 2. I saw someone | b. talking about me. |
| 3. There's something | c. looking at me weirdly. |
| 4. I hear someone | d. I see trash. |
| 5. Is there somewhere | e. so cool! |
| 6. Everyone here is | f. on your shirt. |

Discussion Questions

1. What is something you see everywhere?
2. Who is someone you can rely on?
3. Who is someone in your family you think is funny?
4. Is there somebody you don't like at school/work? Why?
5. Does everybody at your work/school work hard? Why or why not?
6. Some people are perfectionists. Do you do everything well or are you lazy about some things?