

Los pronombres indefinidos: algo, nada, alguien, nadie

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When do we use these indefinite pronouns?

Algo and *nada* are indefinite pronouns that refer to **unspecified things**.

Alguien and *nadie* are indefinite pronouns that refer to **unspecified people**.



{ *Algo* = something

 { *Nada* = nothing



{ *Alguien* = someone / anyone

 { *Nadie* = no one / nobody



Some examples: *Algo / Nada*

These pronouns can be used to ask questions or make statements.

¿Sabes **algo** de baloncesto?

Do you know something about basketball?

Sí, sé **algo** de baloncesto. Caitlin Clark es mi jugadora favorita.

Yes, I know something about basketball. Caitlin Clark is my favorite player.

No, no sé **nada** de baloncesto. No me interesan los deportes.

No, I don't know anything about basketball. I'm not interested in sports.



Note: Remember that in Spanish, unlike English, it is grammatically correct to use more than one negative word in a sentence.

For example: Nunca hago nada los domingos. Even though the literal translation is, “I never do nothing on Sundays,” it reads as, “I never do anything on Sundays.”



Another examples: *Algo / Nada*

Necesito **algo** para comer.

I need something to eat.

No hay **nada** en la nevera.

There is nothing in the fridge.





Some examples: *Alguien / Nadie*

¿**Alguien** sabe cuando empieza el partido?

Does anyone know when the game starts?

Nadie en la clase toca la trompeta.

No one in the class plays the trumpet.



Hay **alguien** en el equipo de tenis que también toca la guitarra.

There is someone on the tennis team who also plays the guitar.