

# 66 “No / none”

“No” and “none” both show the absence or lack of something. “No” is always used with a noun, whereas “none” replaces a noun in a sentence.

See also:

Singular and plural nouns **69**

Countable and uncountable nouns **70**

## 66.1 “NO”

“No” is only used with uncountable nouns or plural countable nouns.

Uncountable noun.  
There was **no** time to cook a meal.  
[There wasn't any time to cook a meal.]



Plural noun.  
I have **no** ingredients in my kitchen.  
[I don't have any ingredients in my kitchen.]



## FURTHER EXAMPLES

This menu has **no** vegetarian options.



I would have booked a restaurant but there were **no** tables.



**No** waiters were available to take our order.



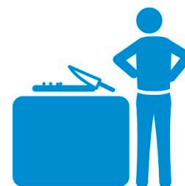
There are **no** recipes in this book that I haven't tried.



## 66.2 “NO” AND NOUN FOR EMPHASIS

Although “no” has the same meaning as “not any” in this context, “no” is often emphatic.

There wasn't **any** food left.  
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There was **no** food left!



This version of the sentence can indicate surprise or disappointment.

## 66.3 "NONE"

"None" can replace "no" plus noun to indicate a lack of something.

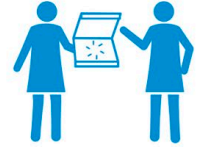
I wanted some pizza, but there was **none** left.

[I wanted some pizza, but there was no pizza left.]

"Left" shows that there was some pizza before.

"None of" is used before pronouns and nouns with determiners.

**None of** the pizza was left.



"None" can also be used on its own to answer a question about quantity.

How much pizza is there?



None.



### FURTHER EXAMPLES

I wanted the soup, but there was **none** left.



I would have bought balloons, but there were **none** in the shop.



I love this suit, but there are **none** here in my size.



**None of** the people eating at the restaurant enjoyed their food.



I offered my friends some chocolate, but they wanted **none of** it.



This restaurant has **none of** the food that I like.



"None" and "none of" can be more emphatic than "not any."