



Mini Lesson 076 - The Difference Between 'Somebody' and 'Somebody Else'

In English, "somebody" refers to an unspecified person. It can be used when you don't know who the person is or when it is not important to specify their identity.

Example: *Somebody left their backpack in the classroom.*

On the other hand, "somebody else" is used when you want to refer to another person, different from the one already mentioned or considered.

Example: *Somebody else will take care of it if I can't.*

Understanding when to use these phrases helps improve clarity in your conversations and writing.





Exercises:

Section 1: Fill in the Blanks

Complete the sentences using "somebody" or "somebody else."

1. I saw _____ at the park yesterday, but I couldn't catch their name.
2. If you can't help me, I'll ask _____.
3. Did _____ leave this jacket here?
4. I need _____ to help me with my homework.
5. If you don't want this book, I'm sure _____ will take it.
6. _____ is knocking on the door; can you check who it is?
7. I think _____ else already finished the project.

Section 2: Choose the Correct Phrase

Circle "somebody" or "somebody else" to complete each sentence correctly.

1. I need (somebody/somebody else) to explain this math problem to me.
2. Have you seen (somebody/somebody else) use my pen?
3. If John can't join us, we can invite (somebody/somebody else).
4. (Somebody/Somebody else) needs to call a doctor.
5. I heard (somebody/somebody else) talking about the movie we watched.





Section 3: Rewrite the Sentences

Rewrite the following sentences using "somebody" or "somebody else" appropriately.

1. I need help with this task.

- I need _____ to help me with this task.

2. There is a person at the door, but I don't know who they are.

- _____ is at the door, but I don't know who they are.

3. Sarah can't attend the meeting.

- I will ask _____ to take her place.

4. Someone left their phone on the table.

- _____ left their phone on the table.

5. Can you ask a friend to join us?

- Can you ask _____ to join us?

Section 4: Complete the Conversation

Fill in the blanks with "somebody" or "somebody else."

A: I need help finding my keys.

B: Maybe _____ in the house has seen them.

A: That's true! If not, we can ask _____.

B: Good idea! They might know where they are.

A: I hope _____ can help us soon!





Answers:

Section 1:

1. somebody
2. somebody else
3. somebody
4. somebody
5. somebody else
6. somebody
7. somebody else

Section 2:

1. somebody
2. somebody else
3. somebody else
4. somebody
5. somebody

Section 3:

1. I need somebody to help me with this task.
2. Somebody is at the door, but I don't know who they are.
3. I will ask somebody else to take her place.
4. Somebody left their phone on the table.
5. Can you ask somebody to join us?

Section 4:

1. somebody
2. somebody else
3. somebody else
4. somebody
5. somebody

