



Indefinite pronouns





Class Objective

I will be able to learn Indefinite Pronouns in German.



Concept A: Understanding Indefinite Pronouns

- An **indefinite pronoun** is one of a small group of pronouns such as
- everything, nobody, and something which are used to refer to people
- or things in a general way without saying exactly who or what they
 - are.
 - Some of the indefinite pronouns in German grammar are etwas,
 - nichts, man, jemand, jeder, niemand etc.



Concept A: Interrogative Pronoun wer, wen, wem, wessen and was

- Beispiel:
- Kannst du etwas für mich tun?
- (Can you do something for me ?)

- Jemand hat es genommen.
- Somebody has stolen it.)



Concept B: Indefinite Pronoun describing people

- Some general indefinite pronouns describing people are
- man,jemand, niemand, irgendjemand etc.The pronoun man is the
- equivalent of the English generic pronoun one or impersonal you.
- And, "jemand" and "niemand" also appear only in the third person
- singular. Whereas "jemand" refers to one unspecified
 - person(someone/ someone), "niemand" is its negative(nobody / no
 - one).



Concept B: Fragepronomen Welch

	man	jemand	niemand
Nominative	man	jemand	niemand
Accusative	einen	jemanden	niemanden
Dative	einem	jemandem	niemandem



