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Read and Discover

Indefinite Pronouns

Lesson 27

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Does anyone know all the facts behind this American legend?
Circle the pronoun that refers to an unspecified person.

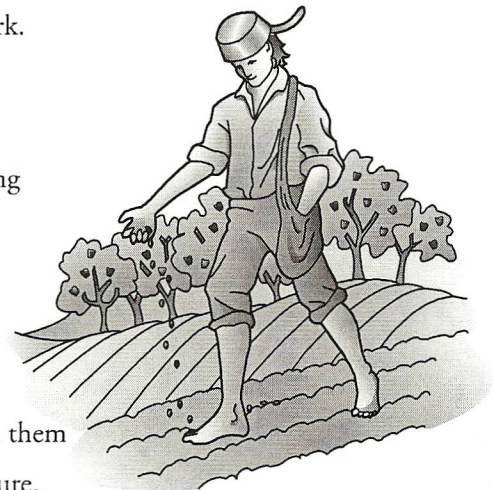
Indefinite pronouns refer to persons or things that are not identified. Indefinite pronouns include *all, anybody, both, either, anything, nothing, everyone, few, most, one, no one, several, nobody, someone, and something*.

See Handbook Section 17f

Part 1

Circle the indefinite pronouns in these sentences. There may be more than one in each sentence.

1. Have all of you heard of Johnny Appleseed?
2. Most have heard the name, but few if any know the real story behind the legend.
3. Everybody believes that Johnny Appleseed was a scatterer of seeds, but he was actually a nurseryman.
4. A nurseryman is someone who plants seeds, tends plants, and provides young plants to others.
5. Does anybody know Johnny Appleseed's real name?
6. His name was John Chapman and almost nothing is known about his early life.
7. Practically everything written about him is based on guesswork.
8. Something we do know, however, is that he was born in Leominster, Massachusetts, on September 26, 1774.
9. We also know that John Chapman had two passions—planting apple trees and being a missionary—and he pursued both.
10. Something else we know is that for almost 50 years, John Chapman traveled through Ohio, Indiana, and Pennsylvania preaching and establishing apple orchards.
11. Chapman was not the only nurseryman to plant trees and sell them to settlers, but he is the only one who achieved legendary stature.
12. Someone who always walks barefoot, even in the snow, wears a tin pan as a hat, and makes a sack into a shirt makes a colorful figure for a legend.
13. Some claim that he always slept out in his apple nurseries, confident in the belief that nothing could harm him as long as he lived in harmony with nature.
14. Because there is such limited information on Chapman's life, everyone is free to paint his or her own picture of this colorful American legend.



Johnny Appleseed planted thousands of trees in Ohio, Indiana, and Pennsylvania.