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NO / NONE /nʌn/ / NO ONE / NEITHER /’naɪðə ‘ni:ðə/

- We use **NO** (= “not a,” “not any”) immediately before a singular or plural noun:

*We’ve got **no plans** for the summer.*
*There is **no time** to talk about it now.*

- We use **NONE OF** before a determiner (e.g. *the, my, this*) or before a pronoun:

***None of my** brothers remembered my birthday.*
***None of it** is worth keeping.*
***None of us** speaks Russian.*

- When we use *none of* with a plural noun or pronoun, the verb can be singular (more formal) or plural (more informal):

***None of my friends is** interested. (more formal)*
***None of my friends are** interested. (more informal)*

- We can use *none* alone, without a noun, if the meaning is clear from what comes before:

*“How many of the books have you read?” “**None.**”*

- We use **NEITHER OF**, not *none of*, to talk about two people or things:

***Neither of my parents** could be there.*

- **NO ONE** means the same as *nobody*. It cannot be followed by *of*:

***No one** wished me a happy birthday.*