

Anything and Nothing – Confusing Words

These words are quite complicated to understand and to know which one you need to use.

They are used to talk about unspecified people, things or places.

We use *anything* with negatives:

I'm afraid we don't have *anything* to eat.

...and in questions:

Was there *anything* interesting in Rosy's email?

We use *nothing* when we wish to make statements that are definitely negative.

There was *nothing* else I could do, so, I left.

To recap:

- ***anything*** = presence of
- ***nothing*** = absence of

Skills wise:

In the following sentences, decide which word is needed? Read the sentence carefully and think about the context:

1. There's _____ wrong with you, you're perfectly healthy.
2. If you need _____, just call me.
3. That mess has _____ to do with me!
4. There's _____ you can say to make me forgive you.
5. There isn't _____ left, the burglars took everything.
6. Do you need _____ from the shop?
7. _____ you can say will change Felipe's mind. He's very stubborn.
8. I know _____ about films, because I prefer books.
9. I had _____ else to do, so I went to the cinema.
10. The film was _____ special, but the book was excellent.
11. He didn't want to do _____ bad.
12. Is there _____ you are afraid of?