

## SEMINAR 9B – PRONOUNS 3

**QUESTIONS** (to answer after you have studied the seminar handout carefully)

1. Do any of the indefinite pronouns reflect *gender distinctions*?
2. How does *countability* influence the use of pronouns? Consider especially: *each, both, some, either, neither, none*.
3. Name some *compound* pronouns. What verb (*sg* or *pl*) do they take? What's their *notional meaning*?
4. Is there any difference between 'everyone' and 'every one'?
5. Is there any difference between forms in *-one* and *-body*?
6. The compounds can take the 's *genitive*, give examples. + Is it the same when the compound is post-modified by 'else'?
7. Which of the following sentences are not right?
  - a) I didn't see anybody of them.
  - b) Students at secondary schools usually learn English, but some don't.
  - c) Noone wanted to help me.
  - d) Every of the students were asked to come and see the teacher individually.
8. Consider the meaning of the following sentences. One sentence is not correct. Which one?
  - a) All boys play football.
  - b) All the boys play football.
  - c) All of the boys play football.
  - d) All of boys play football.
9. The following sentence sounds strange, rephrase it:

*All country* waited for the president's decision.
10. What verbs (*sg* or *pl*) are used after *neither* and *none*?
11. 'Some' is common with uncountable nouns and plural countable nouns. In some contexts it can also be used with *sg countable nouns*. Give examples.

12. What are quantifiers? Explain their meaning and function.

13. Is it possible to say this?

*Less changes* were made than expected.

14. Make sentences using:

- a) one ..... the other
- b) one ..... another

15. Give examples of 'substitute' *one* in sg and pl.:

16. Explain the use of 'generic' *one*. What can we use instead in informal contexts?

17. Consider the meaning of the underlined pronouns in the following sentences:

- a) Some people like the sea, others prefer the mountains.
- b) I have just one photo. Where are the others?
- c) He never thinks of others.
- d) Jake's arrived – I must tell the others.

18. Explain why the following sentence is wrong and correct it:

There are more people than we expected. We need another chairs.

19. What pronouns should be used in the following sentences?

- a) Can I get you \_\_\_\_\_ to drink?
- b) Let's go \_\_\_\_\_ nice for dinner.
- c) There's hardly \_\_\_\_\_ tea left.
- d) There is little point in doing \_\_\_\_\_ more work now.
- e) If you want \_\_\_\_\_ help, let me know.

20. 'Any' and 'either' are both used in non-assertive territory but not in the same contexts. Explain the difference.

21. Give 2 examples of 'any' (in sentences) used in assertive territory.

22. Some pronouns are morphologically negative; others are not but have a negative meaning. Give examples.