No and None

English Grammar (No-one - Nothing - Nowhere)
No and None - What’s the difference?

★ The determiner NO means ~ not one; not any; not a – NO is used with a noun
  ○ “The sign says no dogs allowed.”
  (Not one dog/not any dog is allowed here. The noun dogs follows the determiner NO.)

★ The pronoun NONE means ~ not one of a group of people or things; not any – NONE is used without a noun
  ○ “The donuts were gone when I got to work this morning. There were none left.”
  (Not one of the donuts was left. There is no noun following the pronoun NONE.)

In Canada, there are no stores open on Christmas day.

The donuts were gone when I got to work this morning! There were none left.

I had toothpaste but no toothbrush!

There is a box of whiteboard markers but none of them work.
None OF (something)

★ None is a pronoun so we don’t use it with a noun. However, we can say *none of something*.
  - “My brother has many sweaters. There are 6 sweaters in our closet and *none of them* are mine.”

★ After *none of we can use plural countable nouns [*none of the stores*], a pronoun, [*none of them*] or uncountable nouns [*none of my furniture*].
  - “I want to go to the mall on Christmas, but *none of the stores* are open.” - The word stores is plural.
  - “There was a big earthquake in March, luckily *none of my furniture* was damaged.” - Furniture is an uncountable noun. Furniture has no plural form.

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Advanced grammar

None of my friends is coming or are coming?

➢ This is a common discussion point, even among native speakers. I did some research and here is what I found.

Quick answer - both versions are used. The definition of NONE has a plural and a singular form. None can mean not one (singular) and none can mean not any (plural).

Look at this grammar -
Not one of my friends is coming. – None of my friends is coming.
Not any of my friends are coming. – None of my friends are coming.

In this example, I prefer to use the pronoun NONE as a plural - None of my friends are coming.

When I type ~ None of my friends is coming ~ into my computer, my grammar software wants to correct it.

I’m not saying this is correct! Some people feel that NONE is a contraction of NOT ONE so it should always be treated as singular. For me “None of my friends are coming.” is natural but both uses are okay.

OK!

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How to use Nobody/no-one - Nothing - Nowhere

These words [Nobody/no-one - nothing - nowhere] can be used at the beginning of a sentence or you can use them by themselves as answers to questions. (Just like none.)

Please read the following examples:

★ “I knocked on the door but no-one answered. Maybe nobody was home.”
   ○ Not one person was at home.

★ “I opened the store early today but nobody came until after 10:00.”
   ○ Not one person came to the store before 10:00.

★ A: “What did you do yesterday?”
   B: “Nothing. I was too tired.”
   ○ I didn’t do anything.

★ “Nothing is happening this weekend. Everyone is staying home because of the weather.”
   ○ Not a single thing is happening due to the quarantine.

★ A: “Where will you go during the summer holiday?”
   B: “Nowhere. I will stay home and save money.”
   ○ I will not go anywhere.

★ “This road goes nowhere.”
   ○ This road doesn’t go anywhere.
Look at these examples:

★ “I saw nothing.”
   ○ NOT I didn’t see nothing.

★ “I may change jobs this summer but I need to keep it a secret. No-one can know.”
   ○ NOT No-one can’t know.

When we were camping a bear came out of nowhere and scared us!

Boo!