Indefinite Pronouns

Offers, free choice and ELSE

SOME- in offers and requests

Would you like something to drink? is an offer. Can someone help me? requests help while suggesting that a suitable person may be available. SOME- is not restricted to positive statements.

ANY- as free choice

Choose anything you like means choose whatever you want. Anyone can join means any person may join. An affirmative sentence with ANY- can express unrestricted choice, not a negative meaning.

ELSE and adjectives

Someone else, anything else, somewhere quiet. ELSE and descriptive adjectives follow the indefinite expression. Compare something interesting with someone else's interesting idea.

Singular THEY

Someone left their umbrella. They may come back. SOMEONE takes a singular verb, but THEY / THEIR is common when gender is unknown or irrelevant. With THEY, use the normal plural-shaped verb: they are.

Study the pattern, then the meaning

Compare the examples. Identify the rule and explain why it fits the situation. Create a new example of your own, then check that its meaning and grammatical form agree.