

some, any

Some: affirmative statements, offers, requests and in questions when you expect the answer "yes"

Any: negative statements, questions

Have you got any bananas? No, we haven't got any. But we've got some oranges.

Quantifiers are words that show how much there is of something - they show quantity. Numbers for example are also quantifiers.

Some

Some is used to show an indefinite quantity, the exact number is not important. It is used in affirmative statements, for example:

- I have some books.
- She wants some apples.

Some is also in questions, but only when you think the answer will be "Yes". For example:

- Do you have some paper? (I hope the answer is "Yes")
- Would you like some French fries? (I expect the answer is "Yes")

Any

Any is used in negative statements. For example:

- I don't have any money.
- There aren't any taxis near here.

Any is also generally used in questions, especially when we expect the answer to be "No". for example:

- Do you have any paper? (I expect the answer will probably be "No")
- Is there any time to go to the doctor's? (I think there probably isn't time).

This can however look and sound awkward, so you can sometimes just use ' instead. For example with names:

Thomas's book, Tess's house can also be Thomas' book, Tess' house.

Some and any are often used like articles for plural nouns. A/an is used for singular countable nouns, and some/any can be used for plural noun, countable or uncountable. For example:

I have a newspaper, some newspapers, and some money.

"A newspaper" is a singular countable noun so uses a, "newspapers" is a plural countable nouns so uses some, and money is an uncountable noun so also uses some.

EXERCISES

1. Complete the sentences using some and any.

Ex: She wants some apples.

1. I have..... soda.
2. We don't have milk.
3. Ben's very busy. He doesn't have..... time.
4. She wants to buy books.
5. Let's listen to..... music.
6. Do you have pets?

7. Yes, I have.....
8. We need..... fruit and vegetables for dinner.
9. Rachel meets friends at the weekend.
10. They don't have coffee.

2. Complete the sentences using some and any.

Ex: She wants some apples.

1. Do you have orange juice?

No, I don't, but I have grape juice. Do you want ?

Yes, please. I'm really thirsty.

4. Let's make spaghetti.

OK, what do we need?

We need pasta, meat, and sauce.

Do we need tomatoes?

That's a good idea. Let's put mushrooms and cheese as well. They taste really good!

3. Dialogue Exercises

Ex: My name is Jeremy.

1.

Do you have coffee?

No, I don't, but I've got tea. Do you want ?

Yes, please.

Do you want a cookie too?

Sure, I love cookies.

2.

I'm really hungry. Let's eat.

OK. I've got some in the refrigerator, do you want some?

Yea, that sounds great.

I've also got some tacos in the cupboard, and there's an pie as well.

Do you have juice?

Sure, it's over there. Help yourself.

3.

It's Mum'snext week. Let's get her a present.

OK. How about some perfume?

Well, she doesn't have She doesn't use it.

So how about some clothes or a watch?

That's a good idea, but I don't her size.

Let's just buy a gift voucher. Then she can choose her own

Great idea!