

some and any

A

some



Use **some** in *positive* sentences:

- I'm going to buy **some** clothes.
- There's **some** milk in the fridge.
- We made **some** mistakes.

any



Use **any** in *negative* sentences:

- I'm **not** going to buy **any** clothes.
- There **isn't any** milk in the fridge.
- We **didn't** make **any** mistakes.

B

any and **some** in questions

In most questions (but not all) we use **any** (*not some*):

- Is there **any** milk in the fridge?
- Does he have **any** friends?
- Do you need **any** help?

We normally use **some** (*not any*) when we *offer* things

(**Would you like ... ?**):

- A: Would you like **some** coffee?
- B: Yes, please.

or when we *ask for* things (**Can I have ... ?** etc.):

- A: Can I have **some** soup, please?
- B: Yes. Help yourself.
- A: Can you lend me **some** money?
- B: Sure. How much do you need?



C

some and **any** without a noun

- I didn't take any pictures, but Jessica took **some**. (= some pictures)
- You can have some coffee, but I don't want **any**. (= any coffee)
- I've just made some coffee. Would you like **some**? (= some coffee)
- 'Where's your luggage?' 'I don't have **any**!' (= any luggage)
- 'Are there any biscuits?' 'Yes, there are **some** in the kitchen.' (= some biscuits)

D

something / somebody (*or someone*)

- She said **something**.
- I saw **somebody** (*or someone*).
- Would you like **something** to eat?
- Somebody's** at the door.

anything / anybody (*or anyone*)

- She **didn't** say **anything**.
- I **didn't** see **anybody** (*or anyone*).
- Are you doing **anything** tonight?
- Where's Sue? Has **anybody** seen her?

Exercises

76.1 Write **some** or **any**.

- I bought **some** cheese, but I didn't buy **any** bread.
- In the middle of the room there was a table and chairs.
- There aren't shops in this part of town.
- Gary and Alice don't have children.
- Do you have brothers or sisters?
- There are beautiful flowers in the garden.
- Do you know good hotels in London?
- 'Would you like tea?' 'Yes, please.'
- When we were on holiday, we visited interesting places.
- Don't buy rice. We don't need
- I went out to buy bananas, but they didn't have in the shop.
- I'm thirsty. Can I have water, please?

76.2 Complete the sentences. Use **some** or **any** + the words in the box.

air	cheese	help	milk	questions
batteries	friends	languages	pictures	shampoo

- I want to wash my hair. Is there **any shampoo** ?
- The police want to talk to you. They want to ask you
- I had my camera, but I didn't take
- Do you speak foreign ?
- Yesterday evening I went to a restaurant with of mine.
- Can I have in my coffee, please?
- The radio isn't working. There aren't in it.
- It's hot in this office. I'm going out for fresh
- A: Would you like ?
B: No, thank you. I've had enough to eat.
- I can do this job alone. I don't need

76.3 Complete the sentences. Use **some** or **any**.

- Kate didn't take any pictures, but **I took some** . (I/take)
- 'Where's your luggage?' '**I don't have any** .' (I/not/have)
- 'Do you need any money?' 'No, thank you.' (I/have)
- 'Can you lend me some money?' 'I'm sorry, but' (I/not/have)
- The tomatoes in the shop didn't look very good, so (I/not/buy)
- There were some nice oranges in the shop, so (I/buy)
- 'How much coffee did you drink yesterday?' '.....' (I/not/drink)

76.4 Write **something/somebody** or **anything/anybody**.

- A woman stopped me and said **something** , but I didn't understand.
- 'What's wrong?' 'There's in my eye.'
- Do you know about politics?
- I went to the shop, but I didn't buy
- has broken the window. I don't know who.
- There isn't in the bag. It's empty.
- I'm looking for my keys. Has seen them?
- Would you like to drink?
- I didn't eat because I wasn't hungry.
- This is a secret. Please don't tell