

any?
non-specific

yes, some
no, not any

how many?
specific

seven
thirteen etc.
none

specific

non-specific

negative

positive

for example

important

when

The meaning of "any" and "some" is "...", but we use "any" in questions and negative sentences, and "some" in positive sentences. For example, we say "Are there any books on the table?" – "Yes, there are some books on the table", and we say "Are there any books on the floor?" – "No, there aren't any books on the floor".

We use "any" in a non-specific question, when the number is not important. For example, "Are there any books on the table?" – "Yes, there are some books on the table", or "No, there aren't any books on the table". If the number is important, we use "How many" and there is a specific answer – "one", "two", "three" etc., or "none".



1

any



2

3



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Are there any books on this table?

Yes, there are some books on this table

Are there any pictures on these walls?

Yes, there are some pictures on these walls

Have you got any shoes on your feet?

Yes, I've got some shoes on my feet

1 not any



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Are there any books on the floor?

Are there any pictures on that chair?

Are there any chairs on the table?

No, there aren't any books on the floor

No, there aren't any pictures on that chair

No, there aren't any chairs on the table

1

none

2

class

3

classroom

4



5



6



7



8



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How many books are there on the table?

There are ...
books on the table

How many books are there on the floor?

There are none

How many pictures are there on these walls?

There are ... pictures on
these walls

How many pictures are there on that chair?

There are none

How many students are there in this classroom?

There are ... students in
this classroom

How many students are there sitting on the floor?

There are
none