

some and any

A

some



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

- I'm going to buy **some** clothes.
- There's **some** ice 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** ice 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 Jane took **some**. (= some pictures)
- You can have some coffee, but I don't want **any**. (= any coffee)
- I just made some coffee. Would you like **some**? (= some coffee)
- "Where's your luggage?" "I don't have **any**." (= any luggage)
- "Are there any cookies?" "Yes, there are **some** in the kitchen." (= some cookies)

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?

77.1 Write *some* or *any*.

- I bought some cheese, but I didn't buy any bread.
- I'm going to the post office. I need _____ stamps.
- There aren't _____ gas stations 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 Miami?
- "Would you like _____ tea?" "Yes, please."
- When we were on vacation, we visited _____ very interesting places.
- Don't buy _____ rice. We don't need _____.
- I went out to buy _____ oranges, but they didn't have _____ at the store.
- I'm thirsty. Can I have _____ water, please?

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

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| air | batteries | friends | fruit | help |
| languages | milk | pictures | questions | shampoo |

- I want to wash my hair. Is there any shampoo ?
- The police want to talk to you. They want to ask you _____.
- I don't have my camera, so I can't take _____.
- Do you speak _____ foreign _____ ?
- Last night I went to a restaurant with _____ of mine.
- Can I have _____ in my coffee, please?
- This camera 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 _____.

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

- Jane 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 at the store didn't look very good, so _____ . (I / not / buy)
- There were some nice oranges at the store, so _____ . (I / buy)
- "How many phone calls did you make yesterday?" " _____ ." (I / not / make)

77.4 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 store, but I didn't buy _____ .
- _____ broke 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 _____ .