

QUANTIFIERS (7)

'Some' and 'Any' (03)

In context

2 min

When do we use 'some'? When do we use 'any'?



Did you buy *any* butter?



I would like *some* of these raspberries.

'Some' and 'Any'

13 min

The quantifiers 'some' and 'any' are used with plural countable nouns or singular uncountable nouns.

Here is the difference:

Some	Positive sentences: There is some milk in the fridge.
Any	Negative sentences: There is not any milk in the fridge. ----- Questions: Is there any milk in the fridge?

We can use 'some' in questions when we offer or ask for something that is there.

Examples:

Would you like **some** water? (I offer water, there is water)

Can I have **some** water please? (I ask for water, there is water)

Do you have **any** juice? (I ask for juice, I don't know if there is juice)

We use words such as 'somebody', 'something' like 'some': in positive sentences.

We use words such as 'anybody', 'anything' like 'any': in negative sentences and questions.

Examples:

Somebody is coming.

I cannot find my watch **anywhere**.

Is there **anything** I can do for you?

When we use 'any' in a negative sentence, it is also possible to use 'no' in a positive sentence. It is the same for compounds of 'any', such as 'anything', 'anybody', etc.

Examples:

There is not **any** cheese left. - There is **no** cheese left.

She does not do **anything** at work. - She does **nothing** at work.

I can't see **anybody**. - I can see **nobody**.

Language Tip about 'some' and 'any'

5 min

With singular countable nouns, 'some' and 'any' have a different use and meaning. They refer to something general. In this case, 'any' can be used in a positive sentence.

Examples:

I spoke to **some** bank employee. = I spoke to a bank employee, I do not know this employee.

Any doctor will tell you that. = All doctors will tell you that.

Writing Exercise

5 min

Complete these sentences with 'some' or 'any'.

1. Have you got _____ brothers?
2. There are not _____ sandwiches on the table.
3. When we were on vacation, we visited _____ very interesting places.
4. There are _____ delicious apples in the basket.
5. I am thirsty, can I have _____ water, please?
6. Do you know _____ good hotels in Algeria?
7. I bought some cheese but I did not buy _____ bread.
8. I am going to the post office. I need _____ stamps.
9. Are there _____ shops near here?
10. There are not _____ sweets in the box.

Writing Exercise

5 min

Complete these sentences with: Something / Anything / Nothing / Someone / Anyone.

1. Do you know _____ here?
2. There is _____ behind the chair.
3. There is not _____ to do in this small town.
4. He has _____ to say.
5. John knows a lot of people, I am sure he knows _____ here.

Writing Exercise

5 min

Match the situations on the left to the appropriate sentences on the right.

1. I can see coffee, I ask for coffee.	a. I hear something.
2. I don't know if there is coffee, I ask.	b. Can I have some coffee, please?
3. I hear a noise.	c. Is there any coffee?
4. I don't hear a noise.	d. I can't see anyone.
5. There is nobody.	e. I can't hear anything.

Reading Exercise with the Teacher

5 min

Read these sentences to your teacher. Then, find a different way to say them.

Example:

There is not any good music on this radio station. → There is no good music on this radio station.

1. There aren't any children playing outside.
2. I don't know anybody here.
3. He is going nowhere.
4. There are no mistakes in this essay.
5. He did not understand anything.

Speaking Exercise with the Teacher

5 min

Listen to your teacher's questions. Then, answer, using 'some', 'any' or 'no'.

1. Are you going anywhere this weekend?
2. Are you visiting anybody tonight?
3. Do you have any drinks at home? If so, what kind?
4. Is there anything you need to do before the end of the day?
5. Do you have any questions about this lesson?

Watch the Video!

10 min

With this song, you will practice listening comprehension and using the words 'some' and 'any'.

Watch the video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aKn2cen8c2w>

Watch it again and complete the lyrics:

Sometimes I get so weird
I even freak myself out
I laugh myself to _____
It's my lullaby
Sometimes I _____ so fast
Just to feel the danger
I wanna scream
It makes me _____ alive

Is it _____ to love?
Is it _____ to breathe?
_____ rip my heart out
And leave me here to bleed
Is it _____ to die?
_____ save my life
I'd rather be _____ but ordinary please

To walk within the lines
Would make my life so boring
I want to _____ that I
Have been to the extreme
So knock me off my feet
Come on now give it to me
_____ to make me feel alive

Is it _____ to love?
Is it _____ to breathe?
_____ rip my heart out

And leave me here to bleed
Is it _____ to die?
_____ save my life

I'd rather be _____ but ordinary please
I'd rather be _____ but ordinary please.

Let down your defenses
Use no common sense
If you look you will _____
that this world is a _____
accident turbulent succulent
opulent permanent, no way
I wanna taste it
Don't wanna waste it away

10 min

1. We can never use 'some' in questions. true false
2. We can use 'some' in questions when we offer or ask for something that is there.
 true false
3. When we use 'any' in a negative sentence, it is also possible to use 'no' in a
positive sentence. true false
4. 'not anything' means 'nothing'. true false

nothing, any, some, anybody, anywhere, something

Positive sentences or to ask for something that is there	Negative sentences or questions
1.	4.
2.	5.
3.	6.

1. The salesman says you will find his products _____ else. (anywhere / nowhere)
2. Don't believe _____ a salesman says! (anything / nothing)
3. Have you tasted _____ of his products? (some / any)
4. Yes, I have tasted _____ of his products. (some / any)
5. No, I haven't tasted _____ of his products. (some / any)
6. _____ told me great things about his cheeses. (Somebody / Anybody)
7. I haven't heard _____ criticize them. (somebody / anybody)
8. So let's buy _____. (something / any)
9. We'll try _____ of that cheese. (some / any)
10. I haven't seen it _____ else. (somewhere / anywhere)