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:

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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

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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
Quiz
10 min
True or False?

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

Put the words from this list into the table, in alphabetical order:

nothing, any, some, anybody, anywhere, something

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Choose the correct answer.
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)