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Some/Any/No

Function  
Usage

# Some, Any

**Some** means “un po’/alcuni/degli” etc. and it is used in affirmative sentences:

There are **some chairs** in the classroom → plural noun

There is **some milk** in the fridge → uncount. noun

If the sentence is **negative**, we cannot use *some*; it is replaced by **any**:

There **aren’t any chairs** in the classroom

There **isn’t any milk** in the fridge

→ *some* and *any* are used with uncountable and plural nouns



# Any

*Any* is used:

- **in negative sentences**

We haven't got **any** bread

I haven't got **any** friends in London

- **in questions**

Have we got **any** bread?

Have you got **any** friends in London?

# Some used in questions

However, *some* is also used in questions, but they have to be questions in which something is offered.

We use *some* in **offers, requests and proposals**.

To offer something you can use *would + subj. + like*.

Gradiresti ...? → **Would you like ...?**

Gradiresti un po' di caffè? → **Would you like some coffee?**

→ as you can see, here *some* is used in a question because something is being offered.

*Some* is also used in questions to request something:

**Can I have some sugar, please?**



# Would

Let's see some examples with *would* and how we can answer.

1) **Would you like something to drink?**

**Yes, please // No, thank you**

2) **Would you like some sugar?** - No, thank you

3) Would you like **some** water? - Yes, please

4) Would you like **some** pop corns? - Yes, please

5) Would you like **some** cotton candy? - No, thank you

# Revision

To sum up,

## **some**

- means “un po”
- it is used in **affirmative sentences and questions where there’s an offer/request/proposal**  
to offer something we use: *would you like...?*

## **any**

- means “un po”
- it is used in **negative sentences and in general questions**

# No

A synonym for *any* is *no*, but it is used differently.  
*Any* is used in a sentence where the verb is **negative**:

**I don't have any eggs**

**No** is used in a sentence where the verb is **positive**:

**I have no eggs**

This is because in English we can't have a double negation.



# Compare

- 1) I **don't have any** friends vs. I **have no** friends
- 2) There **isn't any** bread left vs. There **is no** bread left
- 3) We **haven't got any** homework vs. We **have no** homework
- 4) He **doesn't have any** money vs. he **has no** money



# Some/Any/No - Examples in the three forms

- 1) He needs **some** stamps
- 2) He doesn't need **any** stamps
- 3) He needs **no** stamps
- 4) Does he need **any** stamps?
- 5) Would you like **some** stamps?

Short answers:

**Yes, please**

**No, thank you**



# SCHEMA

**SOME** → frase affermativa // domanda offerta/richiesta/proposta

**ANY** → frase negativa // domanda generica

**NO** → frase affermativa con valore negativo

# Exercises together

## Exercise 1.

**Write some/any/no/a/an in the following sentences.**

- 1) We haven't got \_\_\_\_\_ cheese. Buy \_\_\_\_\_ when you go to the supermarket. And buy some bread, too. There isn't \_\_\_\_\_ left.
- 2) Would you like \_\_\_\_\_ biscuits with your tea? - No, \_\_\_\_\_. But can I have \_\_\_\_\_ milk, please?
- 3) Isn't George well? Has he got \_\_\_\_\_ problems?
- 4) I'm hungry and there is only \_\_\_\_\_ ham sandwich and \_\_\_\_\_ salad in the fridge.



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## Exercise 1.

**Write some/any/no/a/an in the following sentences.**

1) We haven't got any cheese. Buy some when you go to the supermarket. And buy some bread, too. There isn't any left.

2) Would you like some biscuits with your tea? - No, thank you. But can I have some milk, please?

3) Isn't George well? Has he got any problems?

4) I'm hungry and there is only a ham sandwich and a/some salad in the fridge.



# Exercises together

## Exercise 2.

### Complete the sentences using some/any/no.

- 1) There is \_\_\_\_ vinegar in this salad. Can I have \_\_\_\_ please?
- 2) Brian is very busy. He hasn't got \_\_\_\_ free time
- 3) Would you like a beer? No, thank you. I never drink \_\_\_\_ alcohol
- 4) We're very late. There is \_\_\_\_ time for a cup of tea
- 5) Are there \_\_\_\_ emails for me? No, \_\_\_\_ emails.

# Exercises together

## Exercise 2.

**Complete the sentences using some/any/no.**

- 1) There is no vinegar in this salad. Can I have some please?
- 2) Brian is very busy. He hasn't got any free time
- 3) Would you like a beer? No, thank you. I never drink any alcohol
- 4) We're very late. There is no time for a cup of tea
- 5) Are there any emails for me? No, no emails.



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