

Unit -1

Expression of quantity

- The words **some** and **any** are determiners. They are used to modify nouns.
- ✓ **Some** and **any** can be used with both **countable** (only with their plural) and **uncountable** nouns.

✓ Some is generally used in positive sentences.

✓ Any is generally used in negative sentences.

❖ I have some information for you about flights to Paris.

(Positive - Uncountable)

❖ I don't have any information for you about flights to Paris.

(Negative - Uncountable)

❖ We met some friends for dinner after work yesterday.

(Positive - Plural Countable)

❖ I didn't see any friends there on Thursday.

(Negative - Plural Countable)

❖ I think he will have some time to speak to you today.

(Positive - Uncountable)

❖ I don't think he will have any time to speak to you today.

(Negative - Uncountable)

❖ There are some mangoes on the tree. (We don't mention the exact number of mangoes on the tree.) (Positive - Plural Countable)

❖ I haven't got any money. (Negative - Uncountable)

❖ She has some friends in Hong Kong. (Positive - Plural Countable)

➤ Exceptions

Some can be used in polite requests and offers.

- Would you like **some** cheese? (More natural than 'Would you like any cheese?')
- Could I have **some** more rice? (Polite request)

Common expressions with some include: **somebody, someone, something and somewhere**. They are all used in positive or assessing sentences.

- I need **someone** to help you.

Common expressions with any include: **anybody, anyone, anything and anywhere**. They are all mainly used in negative sentences and questions.

- I haven't got **anything** to do.
- She hasn't got **anyone** to help her.

❑ **Exercise; Fill in the blanks with Some or Any**

1. Are there any eggs in the fridge?
2. Is there any news about the plane crash?
3. There are some good films at the moment. (*plural*)
4. I can't brush my teeth because there isn't any toothpaste left.
5. Let me give you some advice.
6. There aren't any taxis here. You must walk down the street.
7. The dog is thirsty. Give him some water.
8. Some flowers arrived for you this morning.
9. Are there any girls in your football team?
10. Have you got any paper clips?
11. Here, have some nuts!
12. Is there any sugar in my coffee?
13. Have we got any butter?

14. I'm going to the market to buy some fruit.
15. There isn't any tea in the pot.
16. I'm going to get some money from the cash machine.
17. We don't have any ice cream.
18. There's some milk on the table.
19. There isn't any pasta.
20. Would you like some fruit juice or would you prefer a bottle of Coke?
21. Is there any rice left?-I'm afraid there isn't any rice left, but you can have some noodle instead.
22. There isn't any soap in the bathroom.
23. There is some honey in the jar. (*uncountable*)
24. There are some strawberries in the cup. (*plural*)
25. There is some jam in the big jar. (*uncountable*)
26. We don't need any bread today.
27. There are some carrots in the basket. (*plural*)
28. Please give me some fruit
29. Please buy some nuts for me.