



Some and Any

The words **some** and **any** are used for countable and uncountable nouns

Part one

The words "**some**" and "**any**" are used when the speaker cannot specify or doesn't need or want to specify a number or an exact amount. Compare the following sentences:

I got **some** nice presents for Christmas this year; This job is going to take **some** time. Look! There are **some** large black birds on the roof of the church; You have **some** butter on your chin; If you are hungry, there are **some** biscuits in the cupboard; I'm sure I'll return to Japan **some** day; There is **somebody** on the phone for you.

In general, any is used in negative sentences and questions:

I didn't get **any** nice presents for Christmas this year; I looked in the cupboard but I couldn't find **any** biscuits; I don't need **any** help; She's so rude. No wonder she doesn't have **any** friends; I don't have **anything** to wear to the dance; I'm not hungry. I don't want **anything** to eat; do you have **any** brothers or sisters?; Did you catch **any** fish?; Have you seen **any** good films recently?

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