

SOME AND ANY: A QUICK REMINDER

Use of Any and Some

Read the conversation below:

Barbara: Is there any milk left?

Katherine: Yes, there is some in the bottle on the table.

Barbara: Would you like some milk?

Katherine: No, thank you. I don't think I'll drink any tonight. Could I have some water, please?

Barbara: Sure. There is some in the fridge.

Barbara: Do you know anybody who comes from China?

Katherine: Yes, I think there is someone who is Chinese in my English class.

Barbara: Great, could you ask him some questions for me?

Katherine: No problem. Is there anything special you want me to ask?

Barbara: No, I don't have anything in particular in mind. Maybe you could ask him some questions about life in China. Is that OK?

Katherine: I would be happy to do that for you.

Look at the chart below:

1. POSITIVE SENTENCES

SOME	We use "some" in positive sentences. We use some for both countable and uncountable nouns. Example: I have some friends.
ANY	We use "any" in negative sentences or questions. We use any for both countable and uncountable nouns. Example: Do you have any cheese? - He doesn't have any friends in Chicago.
EXCEPTION!	We use "some" in questions when offering or requesting something that is there. Example: Would you like some bread? (offer) - Could I have some water? (request)

2. NEGATIVE SENTENCES

ANY	We use "any" in negative sentences or questions. We use any for both countable and uncountable nouns. Example: Do you have any cheese? - He doesn't have any friends in Chicago.
SOMEBODY, SOMEWHERE, SOMETHING	We use "some" words - somebody, someone, somewhere and something - in positive sentences. Example: He lives somewhere near here.
ANYBODY, ANYWHERE, ANYTHING	We use "any" words - anybody, anyone, anywhere and anything - in negative sentences or questions. Example: Do you know anything about that boy? - She doesn't have anywhere to go.

SOME MORE EXAMPLES

- I have **SOME** money in my wallet. *J'ai **de** l'argent dans mon portefeuille.*
- Is there **ANY** juice in the fridge? *Y a-t-il **du** jus de fruit dans le frigo?*
- He doesn't want to do **ANYTHING**. *Il ne veut **rien** faire.*
- I'd like to go **SOMEWHERE** hot for my vacation. *J'aimerais aller **quelque part** de chaud pour mes vacances.*
- Is there **ANYONE** who plays tennis in your class? *Y a-t-il **quelqu'un** qui joue au tennis dans ta classe?*
- I'm afraid I don't have **ANY** answers to life's problems. *Désolé, je n'ai **pas de** réponses aux problèmes de la vie.*
- Could I have **SOME** Coke? *Pourrais-je avoir **du** Coca?*