

# Quantifiers

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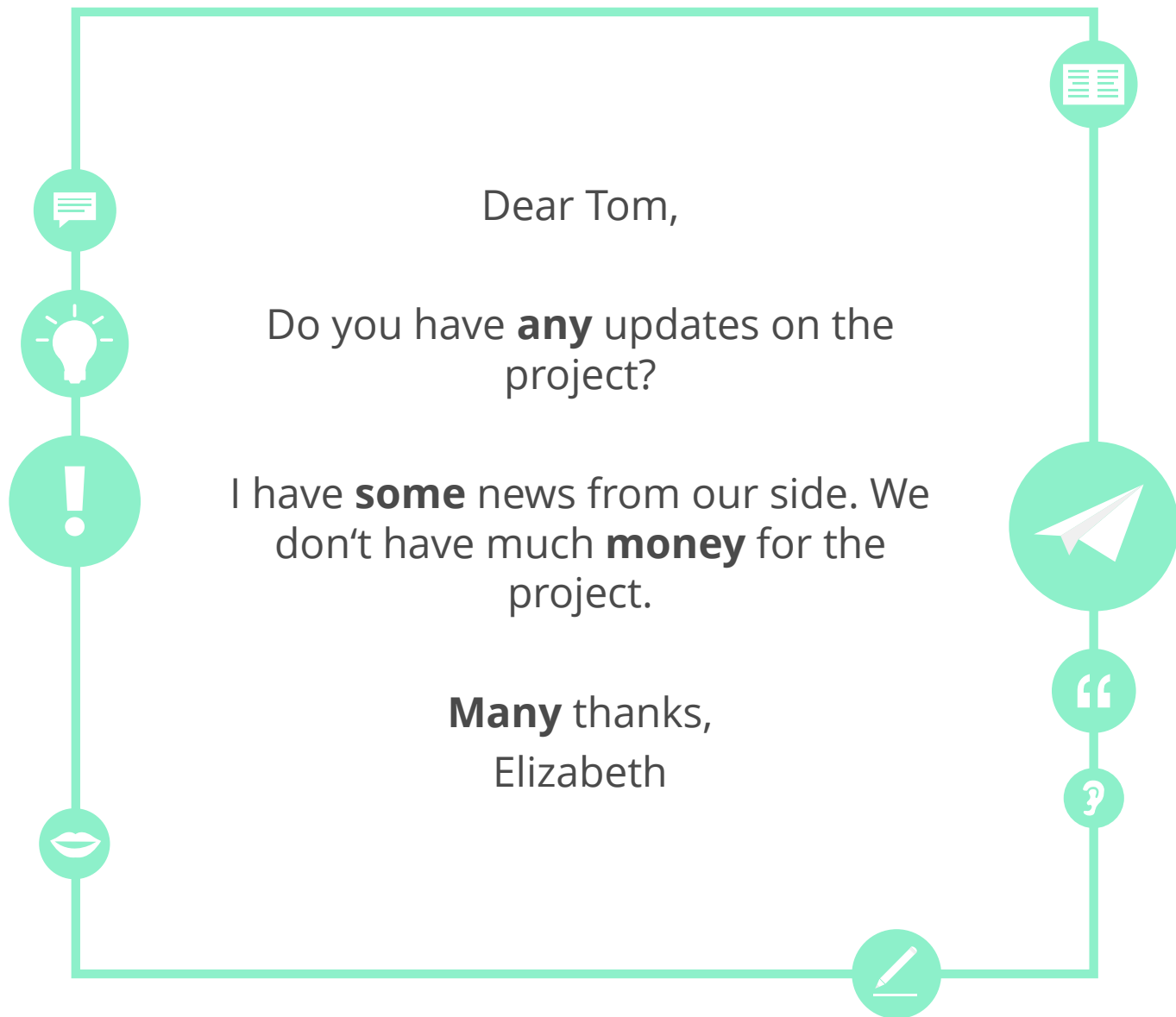




## Goals

- Can use 'some' with uncountable and plural nouns and in questions.
- Can correctly construct negations and questions using 'any'.

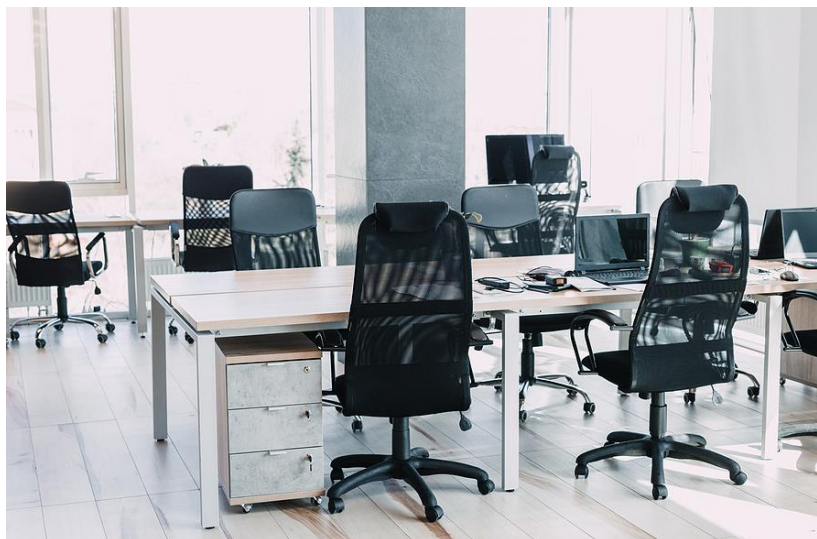






## Warm-up

- In this lesson, we will learn about using **some** and **any** to talk about quantities that are **not exact**.



I'd like to buy **some** new desks for the office.  
We **don't** have **any** money for that.



## Using *some* in positive sentences (countable nouns)

- We can use the word ***some*** before a **countable noun**.
- A countable noun can be **singular** or **plural** – one **computer**, two **computers**.
- Using ***some*** means the **exact number** of the noun is **unimportant, unknown** or **unspecified**.



I need to buy **some** computers for our team.

My boss gave me **some** interesting ideas.





## Using *some* in positive sentences (uncountable nouns)

- We can also use **some** before **uncountable nouns**.
- An **uncountable noun** only has **one form**. They **cannot be plural**.
- **Uncountable nouns** include **drinks, ideas** and **personal qualities**.



I bought **some** furniture for my new flat.

You cannot be late for this meeting.  
Show the clients **some** respect.





## Categorise the nouns

**Categorise the nouns according to whether they are uncountable or plural.**

kisses

vegetables

kindness

orange

bottles

love

confidence

justice

Uncountable

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Countable

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## Make sentences using *some* from the words

1. The tourists / saw / interesting  
/ paintings / museum



The tourists saw **some** interesting paintings at the museum.

2. Can / I / milk / please?



\_\_\_\_\_

3. She / going out / friends / hers



\_\_\_\_\_

4. We / have / work / need / finish



\_\_\_\_\_

5. HR / have / information / about  
/ job



\_\_\_\_\_





## At the restaurant

**You're at a restaurant with a client.**  
**Make positive sentences using *some*. Try to use examples of countable and uncountable nouns.**



I'd like...

Let's try...

We'd like to  
order...

I recommend we  
order...



## Using *any* in negative sentences (countable nouns)

- We **do not** use *some* in **negative sentences**. We use *any*.
- We can use *any* before **countable nouns** in **negative sentences**.
- *I **don't** have **any** brothers = I have **no** brothers.*



I **don't** have **any** meetings this week.

She **didn't** ask **any** questions at the end  
of her interview.





## Using *any* in negative sentences (uncountable nouns)

- We also use ***any*** before **uncountable nouns** in **negative sentences**
- *I **don't** have **any** time = I have **no** time.*



There **isn't any** space to eat at those tables.

We **didn't** enjoy **any** of the presentations at the conference.





## Using any to mean *it doesn't matter which*



- We use **any** in positive sentences like this:
  - *We can go to **any** restaurant* = It **doesn't matter which** restaurant we go to a pizza restaurant, an Indian restaurant – **any**!



You can take **any** bus. They all go to the airport.  
Don't worry about the cake for her party. **Any** cake is fine.



## Complete the sentences

Fill in the gaps using *some* or *any*

1. We need to get \_\_\_\_\_ notebooks for the meeting.
2. I don't have \_\_\_\_\_ spare change.
3. I saw \_\_\_\_\_ clients outside.
4. I don't have \_\_\_\_\_ trust in my boss.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ friends from work are coming.
6. I can't think of \_\_\_\_\_ other person who deserves a promotion more than you.
7. You can spend these vouchers in \_\_\_\_\_ shop. Choose your favourite!



## Match the start of the sentences with the correct ending

**Complete these sentences. Each of the sentences uses *any* to mean *it doesn't matter which*.**

1. Any employees who cannot come to the meeting...

a. ...from any work computer.

2. Employees can use...

b. ... any offers over £150,000.

3. We will accept...

c. ... any of the coffee machines in the building for free.

4. You can access your email...

d. ... must email their manager.



## Asking questions with *any* (countable nouns)

- We use *any* in questions when we **do not know** if the thing or person **exists**.
- *Do you have **any** sisters?* = They might have **no sisters** or **three sisters**. The speaker **does not know**.



Are there **any** flights to London tomorrow morning?

Do we have **any** investors for our product?





## Asking questions with *any* (uncountable nouns)

- We use *any* with **uncountable nouns** in the same way.
- *Do you have **any** advice?* Maybe they have **some advice**, maybe they have **no advice**. The speaker **does not know**.



Would you like **any** tea?

Can you give me **any** information about the job?







## Fill the gaps in the dialogue

a. some

b. cards

c. any

d. help



e. any

f. some

g. cash

h. idea

1. Do you need any \_\_\_\_\_?

3. I do. You can catch \_\_\_\_\_ bus from that bus stop over there.

5. You will need \_\_\_\_\_ change. They don't accept any \_\_\_\_\_.

7. No, I'm afraid you won't find any around here.

2. Yes! Do you have any \_\_\_\_\_ where the train station is?

4. Thank you! Can I pay with \_\_\_\_\_ of my bank cards?

6. Are there any \_\_\_\_\_ machines near here? I need to get \_\_\_\_\_ cash and swap it for change.



## *Much and many*

Much and many are used similarly to **some** and **any**, to mean **a lot**.

- Much is used with uncountable nouns.
- Many is used with countable nouns.

Much/uncountable	Many/countable
I don't have <b>much</b> money.	You have so <b>many</b> ideas!
There is <b>so much</b> activity on the street today.	There aren't <b>many</b> people around today.
Do you have <b>much</b> work to do today?	Do you have <b>many</b> tasks to finish today?



**Much** and **many** can also be used in questions.  
Here the speaker thinks they will receive a positive response.



## *A lot of*

- Some **quantifiers** can be used for both **countable** and **uncountable nouns**.
- We can use *a lot of* and *lots of* to describe **large quantities** of **both types** of noun.



She works with **a lot of** clients.

The office needs **lots of** new furniture.





## *Much or many?*

	MUCH	MANY
1. How _____ food is left?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. How _____ people did you interview yesterday?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. She has _____ ideas. Let's ask her!.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. She doesn't have _____ time before the office closes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Is there _____ work for us still to do on that project?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Did we get _____ votes?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



## Moving into a new office

**You have moved into a completely new office. You have no furniture, equipment or decorations. What do you need?**

**Ask your colleagues questions and make suggestions.**

**Example: We don't have any paintings. Can we put some on the walls?**

**Remember to use *much*, *many* and *a lot* as well as *some* and *any*.**



Try to explain **why**  
you need each of  
these items

printer(s)

cutlery

desk(s)

whiteboard(s)

stationery

plant(s)

computer(s)

chair(s)

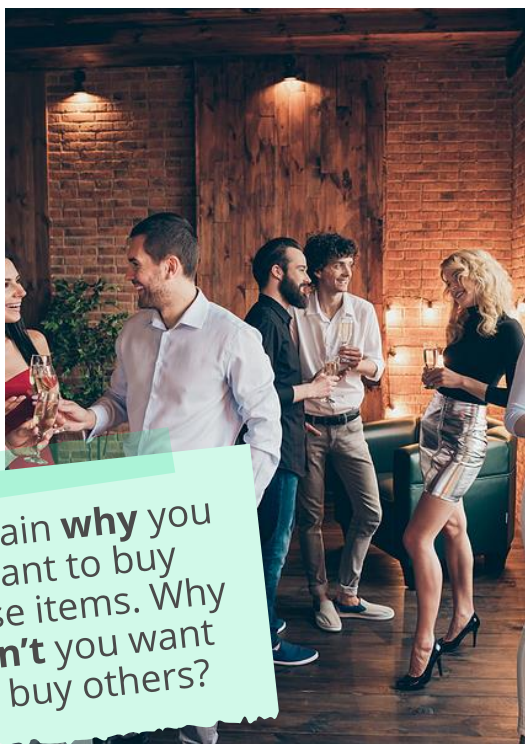
bookshelf /  
bookshelves



## Celebrate moving office

You have decorated your office and it's time to welcome everybody with a party.

What are some things you want to buy? What don't you want to buy?  
Discuss this with your colleagues.



Explain **why** you want to buy these items. Why **don't** you want to buy others?

crisps

fish

sandwiches

chocolate

vegan food

coffee

alcohol

soft drinks

vegetarian food



## Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.

yes

no





## Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson.  
What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?



If you have time, go over  
the most difficult slides again





## Answer key

### Exercise p. 7

Countable: kisses, vegetables, bottle

Uncountable: kindness, love, confidence, justice

### Exercise p. 8

2. Can I have **some** milk, please?

3. She is going out with **some** friends of hers.

4. We have **some** work we need to finish.

5. HR have **some** information about the job?

### Exercise p. 13

1. We need to get **some** notebooks for the meeting.

2. I don't have **any** spare change.

3. I saw **some** clients outside.

4. I don't have **any** trust in my boss.

5. **Some** friends from work are coming.

6. I can't think of **any** other person who deserves a promotion more than you.

7. You can spend these vouchers in **any** shop. Choose your favourite!



## Answer key

### Exercise p. 20

1. much
2. many
3. many
4. much
5. much
6. many

### Exercise p. 17

1. d; 2. h; 3. c; 4. e; 5. a; b; 6. g, f

### Exercise p. 14

1. d; 2. c; 3. b; 4. a





## Categorise

Some

Any

I don't have \_\_\_\_\_ milk!

Do you have  
butter?

I'd like

lemonade.

He wants to buy

oranges.

Would you like  
pineapples to take  
with you?

I would like  
coffee to go.

She doesn't have  
\_\_\_\_\_ money.

Would you like  
\_\_\_\_\_  
water?

Does he have  
brothers?

He didn't try  
\_\_\_\_\_ birthday cake!



## Cooking a banana cake

**Have you ever tried cooking something, but just didn't have the right ingredients?**

**Write a story where you have some of the ingredients, but not quite everything. What will you do?**

flour

butter

chocolate

milk

sugar

banana



"What do you mean we don't have any  
flour?" she said.





## Homework answer key

### Activity p. 29

I don't have any milk.  
Do you have some butter?  
I'd like some lemonade.  
He wants to buy some oranges.  
Would you like any/some pineapples to take with you?  
I would like some coffee to go.  
She doesn't have any money.  
Would you like some water?  
Does he have any brothers?  
He didn't try any birthday cake!



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