

LESSON 16

some ... some

anything?
non-specific

what?
specific

something

not anything

a light
a picture

nothing

"Anything" and "something" both mean the same thing. We use "anything" in questions and negative sentences, and we use "something" in positive sentences. For example, we say "Have I got anything in my right hand? Yes, you've got something in your right hand. Have I got anything in my left hand? No, you haven't got anything in your left hand." "Anything" we use in a non-specific question, whereas "What?" is specific and has a specific answer – "a light, a book" etc., or "nothing".

anything



not anything



nothing



Only one negative

In English, in a negative sentence, we use only one negative word, not two. For example, we say "There isn't anything on this chair". A sentence with two negative words has a positive meaning. For example, "There isn't nobody on this chair" means that there is somebody on the chair. "I have not got nothing in my pocket" means that I have got something in my pocket.



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