

# Quantifiers – Some & Any

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## Quick and Handy Grammar Review

### QUANTIFIERS

#### A. Introduction

A **quantifier** is a word that comes before a **noun** (a person, place, or thing). It shows the **quantity** (amount) of that noun.

In the chart below, note that the percentages are only approximate numbers to help you understand the general amounts of each quantifier. Quantifiers have no specific amounts attached to them.

Amount	Quantifier
100%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• all</li> <li>• every</li> </ul>
95%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• almost all</li> <li>• almost every</li> </ul>
90%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• most</li> </ul>
80%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• many</li> <li>• much</li> <li>• a lot of</li> <li>• lots of</li> </ul>
50%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• some</li> </ul>
30%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• several</li> </ul>
20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a few</li> <li>• few</li> <li>• a little</li> <li>• little</li> </ul>
10%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a couple</li> </ul>
5%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• almost no</li> </ul>
0%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• no</li> </ul>
depends on context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• each</li> <li>• any</li> </ul>

#### Note:

This lesson will focus on the common quantifiers *some* and *any*.

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### B. Some and Any

Quantifier	Some	Any
Meaning	Think of <i>some</i> as an indefinite number that is about 50% (about <b>half</b> of an amount of a noun). It's not too much and not too little.	The amount associated with <i>any</i> depends on the context. In negative sentences, <i>any</i> usually means <b>none</b> of the noun. In questions, <i>any</i> means <b>some, many, or all</b> of the noun.
When to Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>in <b>affirmative</b> (positive) sentences</li> <li>before plural count nouns</li> <li>before non-count nouns</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> There might be an adjective or adverb + adjective phrase between <i>some</i> and the noun, but there is never another article such as <i>a</i> or <i>the</i>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>in <b>negative</b> sentences</li> <li>in <b>questions</b></li> <li>before plural count nouns</li> <li>before non-count nouns</li> </ul>
Examples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>She borrowed <b>some</b> books from the library.</li> <li>Let's watch <b>some</b> old movies this weekend.</li> <li>We made <b>some</b> rice for dinner.</li> <li>The children want <b>some</b> attention.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>He doesn't have <b>any</b> free time.</li> <li>They don't want <b>any</b> pizza.</li> <li>Do you have <b>any</b> pets?</li> <li>Does she require <b>any</b> assistance?</li> </ul>
Exceptions	<p><i>Some</i> can be used in certain types of questions. It is commonly used in questions that are <b>offers</b> or <b>requests</b>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do you want <b>some</b> more coffee? (<i>offer</i>)</li> <li>Can I get <b>some</b> more fries? (<i>request</i>)</li> </ul>	<p><i>Any</i> can be used in affirmative sentences to emphasize there is <b>no specific noun</b> in the speaker's mind.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I need a pen. <b>Any</b> pen will do. (<i>I don't care which pen it is.</i>)</li> </ul>
	<p><i>Some</i> has many functions in English. Don't get confused by the use of <i>some</i> as a pronoun, as in the example below. If <i>some</i> is not followed by a noun, it is acting as a <b>pronoun</b> and not a quantifier.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You don't need to stop for milk on your way home. I already bought <b>some</b>.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Any</i> also has many functions in English. Don't get confused by the use of <i>any</i> as a pronoun, as in the example below. If <i>any</i> is not followed by a noun, it is acting as a <b>pronoun</b> and not a quantifier.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can you stop for milk on your way home? I didn't have time, so I didn't buy <b>any</b>.</li> </ul>

## Exercise 1

Complete the sentences using the article *a* or the quantifier *some*.

Use *a* for singular count nouns and *some* for non-count or plural count nouns.

1. Matt bought   a   pair of jeans.
2. Min Ju bought \_\_\_\_\_ shoes.
3. Anthony bought \_\_\_\_\_ milk.
4. Maria bought \_\_\_\_\_ rice.
5. Steve bought \_\_\_\_\_ blanket.
6. Jesse bought \_\_\_\_\_ earrings.
7. Rachel bought \_\_\_\_\_ fruit.
8. Akiko bought \_\_\_\_\_ candy.
9. Liam bought \_\_\_\_\_ guitar.
10. Hector bought \_\_\_\_\_ video game.

## Exercise 2

Complete the questions using the article *a* or the quantifier *any*.

Use *a* for singular count nouns and *any* for non-count or plural count nouns.

1. Do you want   any   pizza?
2. Did you watch \_\_\_\_\_ good shows last night?
3. Did they get \_\_\_\_\_ new puppy?
4. Do you want \_\_\_\_\_ cookie?
5. Do we have \_\_\_\_\_ money?
6. Does she need \_\_\_\_\_ pen?
7. Did they buy \_\_\_\_\_ clothes?
8. Did you see \_\_\_\_\_ good movies last weekend?
9. Did they get \_\_\_\_\_ more volunteers?
10. Does he have \_\_\_\_\_ new computer?

## Exercise 3

### A. Write Questions

Rewrite the sentences as questions.

1. Does she have any pasta in her cupboard?

She has some pasta in her cupboard.

2. \_\_\_\_\_

They want some new shoes.

3. \_\_\_\_\_

He bought lots of vegetables at the grocery store.

4. \_\_\_\_\_

I stopped at the ATM to get some money.

5. \_\_\_\_\_

They have five children.

### B. Write Sentences

Rewrite the questions as sentences.

1. Does he have any books in his backpack?

He has some books in his backpack.

2. Do you need any pamphlets?

3. Does she have any pets?

4. Do they need any pet food?

5. Did you buy any chocolate?

## Exercise 4

Two friends are talking on the phone.

Complete the dialogue using *some* or *any*. Circle the correct quantifier.

When you're finished, read the dialogue out loud with a partner.

**Mark:** Hi, Ted! How's life in Japan? Have you made \_\_\_\_\_ new friends yet?  
1. some (any)

**Ted:** Hey, Mark! Life is good. Yeah, I've made \_\_\_\_\_ friends, but I miss life in California, too.  
2. some / any

**Mark:** You'll settle in soon enough. How's the job search going? \_\_\_\_\_ new leads?  
3. Some / Any

**Ted:** I've been on \_\_\_\_\_ interviews, but nobody has hired me yet.  
4. some / any

I'm going on an interview tomorrow for a great company.

**Mark:** That's great. I'll send \_\_\_\_\_ good luck your way.  
5. some / any

**Ted:** And how's life with you? Have you met \_\_\_\_\_ girls lately?  
6. some / any

**Mark:** I met \_\_\_\_\_ girls at a party last weekend.  
7. some / any

I talked to one of them for hours, and we're going out tonight.

**Ted:** Wow, that's great! Good luck!

**Mark:** Thanks. \_\_\_\_\_ more news?  
8. Some / Any

**Ted:** I'm sure I'll have \_\_\_\_\_ news for you soon. I hope I get the job!  
9. some / any

**Mark:** And I hope I get the girl!

## Exercise 5

### OFFERS AND REQUESTS

Write the questions using the words provided.

If the question is an offer or request, use *some*. If not, use *any*.

1. Can / I / borrow / money

Can I borrow some money?

2. Could / she / find / books / yesterday

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Could / you / pour / me / tea

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Did / Lisa / buy / clothes

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Can / she / have / more / coffee

\_\_\_\_\_

6. Can / I / offer / you / dessert

\_\_\_\_\_

7. Did / you / get / snacks

\_\_\_\_\_

8. Would / you / like / more / cookies

\_\_\_\_\_

9. Could / I / get / help

\_\_\_\_\_

10. Could / Jon / hear / music / through / the wall

\_\_\_\_\_

## Exercise 6

### CLASS SURVEY

Ask your classmates these questions, and write their answers on the lines below. Speak to a new classmate for each question. Try to use *some* and *any* when you answer these questions.

1. Do you have any brothers or sisters?

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2. Do you have any pets?

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3. Do you have any trouble learning English?

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4. Can you think of any study habits that are helpful?

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5. Do you have any interesting hobbies?

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6. Do you have any plans this weekend?

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7. Do you have any free time on weeknights?

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8. Can you think of any good movies that are playing right now?

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9. Can you think of any local restaurants that you would recommend?

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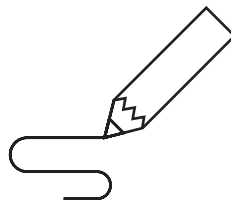
10. Do you have any advice on how to relax?

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Write a short paragraph about a recent shopping trip (mall, grocery store, pharmacy, etc.). What did you buy? Use *some* and *any* in your sentences as often as possible.

*I went to the grocery store last night. I wanted to buy some fruit. They didn't have any bananas, so I bought some apples instead...*

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