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quantity: some, any

Use *some* (See also Unit 27)

- with plural countable nouns, and uncountable nouns in positive sentences.
*There are **some books** in that cupboard.*
*I need **some advice**.*

countable	a book	some books	
uncountable	some money	some advice	some milk

- in questions that are invitations, offers or requests.
*Would you like **some pizza**?*
*Could you give me **some advice**?*
- in questions when we expect the answer yes.
*Have you got **some homework** to give me?*
- to mean 'not all'.
***Some of the people** / **Some people** were drowned, but **others** survived.*

Use *any*

- with plural countable nouns, in questions and negatives.
*Are there **any books** in that cupboard? There aren't **any books** in this one.*
- with uncountable nouns in questions and negatives with a singular verb.
*Is there **any information** about this subject?*
*There isn't **any water** left.*
- to mean 'whichever one you like'.
*You can borrow **any books** you need from the library.*

uncountable (mass) nouns (See also Unit 27)

Use a singular verb with:

Things we eat	bread, chocolate, food, fruit, meat, spaghetti
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Other words accommodation, advice, behaviour, damage, education, furniture, grass, hair, help, information, jewellery, knowledge, luggage, money, news, rubbish, shopping, traffic, weather, work

People uses a plural verb.

There are **some people** waiting for you.

It also has a different countable meaning with plural -s.

The peoples of the world want peace.

countable versions of uncountable nouns

Many uncountable nouns have a countable version. Always use a dictionary to check the meaning.

a chicken (an animal)	some chicken (food)	a coin, a note (money)	some money
a glass (container)	some glass (substance)	an iron (for ironing)	some iron (material)
a paper (a newspaper)	some paper (material)		
a tea, two teas etc (a cup or glass)	some tea etc (a liquid)		

partitives

A partitive is a noun + *of* which makes a countable version of an uncountable.

a slice of bread	a sheet of paper	a bar of chocolate / soap
a packet of rice	a can of cola	a tube of toothpaste
a cup of tea	a bottle of water	a loaf (of bread)

2 Rewrite the sentence to make a statement with *not ... any* beginning as shown. Then decide if each statement is *True* or *False*. Check the factual answers on page 208.

a Cars don't use water as fuel.

There aren't any cars that use water as fuel

b Mammals don't lay eggs.

There _____

c Polar bears don't live in the Antarctic.

There _____

d Alien beings don't exist in our galaxy.

There _____

e Britain is a country without volcanoes.

There _____

f It never rains in the Sahara desert.

There _____



3 Complete each sentence with *a / an, some* or *any*.

a My shirt is dry now, but I need an iron to press it with.

b Would you like _____ chicken? And how about _____ potatoes?

c I can't print off my project because I haven't got _____ paper.

d Have you got _____ money for the machine? I didn't bring _____

e Sorry I didn't come to the party. I had to finish _____ work.

f I'd like to drink some water, but I can't find _____ glass.

g Could you buy me _____ paper on your way home? I want to read the sports news.

h I need _____ advice about which subjects to do next year.

i I'm really hungry. Can you make me _____ meat sandwich?

j Excuse me, could you give me _____ information about the trains to Rome?