



Unit 45 – Some & Any (*I have some.. I don't have any..*)



There is **some** water.



I don't have **any** water.

We express **some** in positive sentences:

- We have **some** apples.
- There are **some** people waiting.
- There are **some** books on the table.

We express **any** in negative sentences:

- We don't have **any** apples.
- There aren't **any** people waiting.
- There aren't **any** books on the table.

A) **Some & Any** – expressed when we do not know an exact amount, or don't need to express an exact amount:

- There are **three** cars parked outside. -> *The speaker knows and wants to say how many cars.*
- There are **some** cars parked outside. -> *The speaker doesn't know or want to say how many cars.*

Tip: -> **some** and **any** are used with both countable nouns (*pens*) and uncountable nouns (*money*).

B) We generally use **some** with positive sentences and **any** with i) negative sentences and ii) questions:

- She has **some** paper. (positive)
- She doesn't have **any** paper. (negative)
- Does she have **any** paper? (question)

However, there are some special cases:

i) Requests and offers – we use **some** because we may expect the answer will be 'yes':

- Would you like **some** tea? (offer)
- Could I have **some** tea? (request)

ii) When it is not important which one to choose – we use **any** with singular countable nouns:

- You can take **any** train to the city.
- Please visit me **any** time. I am always home.

iii) Positive sentences with a negative feeling – especially the words *hardly, never, without*, etc.:

- I hardly eat **any** junkfood. We left the meeting without **any** information.

C) Compare the following special cases:

- Do you have **any** news? -> A real question: we don't know if there is any news.
- Do you have **some** news? -> I think you have news: I expect the answer will be **yes**.

- Kathy doesn't have **any** paper, but Kevin has **some**. -> some = *paper*
- You can have **some** more coffee. I don't want **any**. -> any = *coffee*



Unit 45 – Exercises:

45.1 – Circle or underline the correct word in each sentence.

1. I need **some** / any advice.
2. They have some / any information for us.
3. Did you buy some / any milk?
4. Sarah has some / any coffee every day.
5. I rarely watch some / any tv anymore.
6. There is hardly some / any milk left.
7. Jess always keeps some / any money in her wallet.
8. We usually listen to some / any music together.
9. Brian finished without asking some / any questions.
10. There are some / any rocks in my shoes.

45.2 – Fill in the blanks with **a/an** or **some/any**.

1. I hardly ever watch **any** horror movies. They are just too scary!
2. We had _____ interesting holiday in Mexico.
3. Do you have _____ foreign friends?
4. You can see _____ beautiful paintings at the museum.
5. Could I have _____ more salad?
6. She never takes _____ suitcases when she travels.
7. Would you like _____ apple?
8. I need _____ laptop computer for my test tomorrow.
9. There isn't _____ fruit in the bowl. We should buy _____ more.
10. My neighbors have _____ dog. His name is *Spot*.

45.3 – Rearrange the words into correct sentences.

1. Tim / have / a / home / at / computer / does 1. **Does Tim have a computer at home?**
2. you / like / more / would / some / coffee 2. _____?
3. has / a / her / in / pet fish / she / room 3. _____.
4. the dog / has / food / its / in / some / bowl 4. _____.
5. some / there / are / the / table / on / plates 5. _____.

45.4 – Complete the conversation by filling in the blanks with **some** or **any**.

Tom: Is there _____ water in the fridge?

Sue: Yes, there is _____ but not a lot.

Tom: Okay. I'm thirsty. Could you bring me _____ water please?

Sue: Sure. Would you like _____ fruit? We have _____ apples in the fridge as well.

Tom: Sure! Let's enjoy _____ together.

45.5 – Complete the sentences with **some** or **any**.

1. I need _____ help carrying this box.
2. **A:** Do you have _____ time to meet today? **B:** No, I'm sorry I don't have _____.
3. I bought _____ bread and _____ milk at the supermarket today.
4. Erin met _____ interesting people in France last month.
5. The store had _____ nice clothes but I didn't buy _____.
6. Excuse me. Could I ask you for _____ information?
7. Pam wants to buy _____ new clothes for summer.