

Workshop 7: Some, any

Complete the sentences with *some* or *any*

1. I need help today. Can you help?
2. I know it's late, but do you have tickets left?
3. Sorry, there aren't left.
4. If there are words you don't understand, just tell me.
5. Did you remember to buy sun tan lotion?
6. I can't come. There's still work to do.
7. Could I have milk in my coffee please?
8. - Which tee-shirt would you like? - of them is fine.
9. You can find the book in bookshop.
10. You can bring friends if you want.

ANSWERS BELOW

1. I need ***some*** help today. Can you help?
2. I know it's late, but do you have ***any*** tickets left?
[Note element of doubt in the inquiry, therefore *any* instead of *some*.]
3. Sorry, there aren't ***any*** left.
4. If there are ***any*** words you don't understand, just tell me.
[Note *any* being used in positive form after "if"]
5. Did you remember to buy ***some*** sun tan lotion?
[Note element of expectation in question, therefore *some* instead of *any*.]
6. I can't come. There's still ***some*** work to do.
7. Could I have ***some*** milk in my coffee please?
[Question is a request, therefore *some* instead of *any*.]
8. - Which tee-shirt would you like? - ***Any*** of them is fine.

[Any being used in positive sense where it doesn't matter which tee-shirt.]

9. You can find the book in any bookshop.

[See 8, above]

10. You can bring some friends if you want.