



Lesson 7

“Some” & “Any”

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	i. Countables / Uncountables?	ii a. Positive statements?	b. Questions?	c. Negatives?
Some		✓ E.g. “I’ve bought some apples, etc.”	✓ E.g. “Would you like some apples, etc?”	X [Rare]
Any	Countable plurals & Uncountables	X [Certain cases – see below]	✓ E.g. “Do you have any apples, etc?”	✓ E.g. “I don’t want any apples, etc.”

“Any” for positive statements

Can be used:

1. For negative meaning
E.g. with “never”, “hardly”,
“without”
E.g. “He never does
any work”
2. With “If”
E.g. “If you need any
help, let me know”
3. Not important which
E.g. “Any help would be
appreciated”

“Some” or “Any” for questions

1. Inquiries, offers:

- “Some” expects / encourages /
hopes for answer “yes”
E.g. “Is there some coffee?”
“Would you like some help?”
- “Any” contains element of doubt
E.g. “Is there any coffee?”
“Would you like any help?”

2. Requests:

- “Any” not used (normally)
- “Some” OK
E.g. “Can I have some coffee?”