

7 some and any



1 some and any with a noun

	+ PLURAL NOUN	+ UNCOUNTABLE NOUN
<i>some</i>	<i>some grapes</i>	<i>some information</i>
<i>any</i>	<i>(not) any bananas</i>	<i>(not) any sugar</i>

Pronunciation > 1.05

We use *some* and *(not) any* for a number (more than one) or an amount of something. The exact number or amount is not important.

	<i>some</i>	<i>any</i>	EXAMPLES
in positive sentences	✓	✗	<i>We've got some bananas today.</i> <i>'Shh. I'm doing some work.'</i> <i>'But I want to listen to some music.'</i>
in negative sentences	✗	✓	<i>We haven't got any melons today.</i> <i>There isn't any milk in the fridge.</i> <i>I can't give you any advice, I'm afraid.</i>
in most questions	✗	✓	<i>Do you have any pears?</i> <i>Is there any sugar in the cupboard?</i>
when you ask for something	✓	✗	<i>I'd like some Spanish oranges, please.</i> <i>Can I have some red grapes?</i>
when you offer something to someone	✓	✗	<i>Would you like some strawberries?</i> <i>Do you want some tea with your lunch?</i>

2 some and any without a noun

We can use *some* and *any* without a noun, when it is clear what we are talking about:

'I'm making some tea. Do you want some?' (some tea)

NATURAL ENGLISH It is possible to repeat the noun after *some* and *any*. But it is more natural NOT to repeat it:

How much bread is there?

There isn't any. (= There isn't any bread.)

