

# 10 some, any, all, most, no, none of



## 1 some and any

We use *some* and *any* + noun when we don't know the exact number/amount, or it is not important:

*We've got **some** vegetables. Have we got **any** milk?*

We usually use *some* in **positive** sentences and *any* in questions and **negative** sentences.

- We can use *some* in questions if they are requests, offers or suggestions:  
*Can I have **some** information? Would you like **some** brochures? Shall we do **some** work now?*
- We can use *some* and *any* without a noun, when it is clear what we are talking about:  
*We haven't got **any** bread. I'll go and get **some**.*  
*'We need **some** coins for the ticket machine.'* *'Oh dear, I haven't got **any**.'*
- We can use *any* to mean 'it doesn't matter which':  
*'Which flavour ice cream do you want?'* *'Oh, get me **any** flavour – I don't mind which.'*

### Pronunciation > 1.05

## 2 all, most, some and no/none

We can use *all*, *most*, *some* and *no* before the subject or object in a sentence:

***All** the tickets cost £30.00. I've got **all** the tickets.*

They can go before plural or uncountable nouns:

***All** fruit contains sugar. **Most** vegetables contain a lot of vitamins.*

***Some** fish is expensive. **No** sugary food is good for you.*

We use *all (of)*, *most of*, *some of* and *none of* for particular people or things:

***All (of)** the vegetables in this soup are fresh.*

***Most of** our customers like the vegetarian dishes.*

*Do you want **some of** this white chocolate?*

***None of** our jam contains extra sugar.*

**NATURAL ENGLISH** We don't usually say *all people* or *no people*. We say *everyone/everybody* and *no one/nobody*: *Is **everyone** ready? **Nobody** called for you today.*

## 3 no, none of

*No* and *none of* mean 'not any'. We use them in negative statements, with a positive verb:

~~*X None of the advice he gave wasn't useful.*~~ ✓ ***None of** the advice he gave **was** useful.*

	SINGULAR COUNTABLE NOUN	PLURAL NOUN	UNCOUNTABLE NOUN
<i>none of</i>	—	<i>None of the machines is/are working.*</i>	<i>None of the bread was fresh.</i>
<i>no</i>	<i>No reason was given.</i>	<i>No reasons were given.</i>	<i>No information was given.</i>

\* A singular verb after *none of* + plural noun is more formal.