

How to express quantity ? (2)



Some, Any et No sont suivis d'un nom indénombrable au singulier ou d'un nom dénombrable au pluriel. On les traduit en français par "du, des, de la".

On emploie généralement :

➡ **SOME** dans les phrases affirmatives. (+)

Ex : There is **some** coffee on the table.

➡ **ANY** dans les phrases négatives (-) ou les questions (?)

Ex : There isn't **any** tea on the table. Is there **any** sugar ?

➡ **NO** dans les phrases affirmatives (+)

Ex : There is **no** milk in the fridge.

Remarque : **NO = NOT ANY**

Ex : There is **no** butter on the table = There is **not any** butter on the table.

Exceptions

- On peut trouver **SOME** dans une question (?), mais uniquement lorsque l'on est (quasiment) sûr que la réponse sera positive. Ex : Can you pass me **some** salt, please ?
- On peut trouver **ANY** dans une phrase affirmative (+). Dans ce cas, il se traduira pas "n'importe quel(les)". Ex : You can take **any** fruit you want.

Exercise 1 - Complete the sentences with SOME, ANY or NO.

- I bought _____ cheese, but I didn't buy _____ bread.
- I am sorry, I have _____ coffee for you.
- Do you know _____ good hotel in Paris ?
- That's nonsense ! I didn't find _____ lemon in the shop.
= That's nonsense ! I found _____ lemon in the shop.
- "Would you like _____ tea ?" "Yes, please."
- "Do you have _____ fruit to give me ?" "Um... yes, you can take _____ fruit you need."
- I'm afraid we don't have _____ pizza left.

Exercise 2 - Complete the sentences with some or any.

- a) Two friends have got 6 bottles of coke, 0 packet of cookies.
⇒ They have _____ coke, but they don't have _____ cookies.
- b) The movie starts at 9 o'clock and it is 8:45.
⇒ Sorry, we don't have _____ time to go to a pub before the movie.
- c) You go to the beach. You see nobody there.
⇒ It's strange, there are not _____ tourists here this afternoon.
- d) Your friend needs vegetables for a ratatouille. You look in your fridge to see what you've got.
⇒ I don't have courgettes, but I have _____ aubergines if you want.

Exercise 3 - Complete the sentences with any or no.

- a) There aren't _____ pictures on the wall.
- b) There is _____ powdered sugar and there isn't any icing sugar either !
- c) I wanted to buy oranges in the shop, but there didn't have _____.
- d) Do you have _____ cream at home ?
- e) I am sorry, I have _____ cream.

Les composés de **SOME, ANY et NO** s'emploient de la même façon.

- ⇒ **something / anything, nothing** (quelque chose / rien)
- ⇒ **somebody / anybody, nobody** (quelqu'un / personne)
- ⇒ **someone / anyone, no one** (quelqu'un / personne)
- ⇒ **somewhere / anywhere, nowhere** (quelque part / nulle part)

⚠ Les composés avec **any** dans une phrase affirmative se traduiront avec l'expression "n'importe" :
Anything (n'importe quoi), anybody ou anyone (n'importe qui) et anywhere (n'importe où).

Exercise 4 - Complétez avec un composé de some, any ou no.

- a) Oh no ! I lost my keys in the town centre. They can be _____ !
- b) Is there _____ I can do for you ?
- c) Did you speak to _____ in the park today ?
- d) I am so sad ! _____ loves me ! And I have _____ to go !
- e) Would you like _____ to drink ?
- f) I didn't eat _____ because I was not hungry.
- g) This is a secret. Please, don't tell _____.
- h) Did _____ find my glasses ? I can't find them _____.