

SOME / ANY



Look at these examples:

I like some kinds of music. (Eu gosto de alguns estilos de música).

I like any kind of music. (Eu gosto de qualquer estilo de música).

I don't like any kind of music. (Eu não gosto de nenhum tipo de música).

I don't like some kinds of music. (Eu não gosto de alguns tipos de música).

Do you like any of these kinds of music? (Você gosta de algum desses tipos de música?)

Basically, we can say that "some" means "algum/alguns/alguma/algumas" and "any" also means "algum/alguns/alguma/algumas" in interrogative sentences, "qualquer (um/uma)" in affirmative sentences or "nenhum(a)" in negative sentences.

+ examples:

- I trust some of my friends. (Eu confio em alguns dos meus amigos).

- I trust any of my friends. (Eu confio em qualquer um dos meus amigos).

- I don't trust some of my friends. (Eu não confio em alguns dos meus amigos).

- I don't trust any of my friends. (Eu não confio em nenhum dos meus amigos).

Depending on the context, "some" can be translated to other forms:

- I have some money here. (Eu tenho um pouco de dinheiro aqui).
- Would you like some coffee? (Você quer um pouco de café?)
- He has some really crazy friends. (Ele tem uns amigos bem loucos).
- Would you like some help? (Você quer uma ajuda?)
- Would you like some more? (Você quer mais um pouco?)
- How about some beer? (Que tal uma cervejinha?)

And there's more: we can translate or not to translate "any" in some sentences. See:

- Is there any milk on the fridge? (Tem leite na geladeira?)
- Do you have any money on you? (Você tem dinheiro aí com você?)
- Does she have any brothers or sisters? (Ela tem irmãos ou irmãs?)

Just to finish, be aware that these tips about the use of some and any are the same for words like: somebody, someone, anybody, something, anything...

- Are you waiting for somebody? (Você está esperando alguém?)
- Would you like somebody to help you with that? (Você quer quer alguém te ajude com isso?)
- I'm hungry. I have to eat something. (Eu tô com fome. Eu tenho que comer alguma coisa).



Now, do the exercises

1. Translate to English the sentences:

- a. Eu não gosto de alguns dos livros dele.
- b. Eu não gosto de nenhum dos livros dele.
- c. Eu gosto de qualquer um dos livros dele.
- d. Nós compramos umas laranjas.
- e. Ela não gosta de nenhum tipo de suco.
- f. Elas gostam de alguns tipos de filme.
- h. Eles não gostam de alguns tipos de filme.



2. The sentences below were taken from a database of the English language. In all of them, the word some is used in a negative sentence. In order to memorize the use of some and its meaning, you'll translate these sentences to Portuguese:

- a. I don't like some of my boyfriend's friends.
- b. What if I don't like some of the things you say?
- c. I didn't like some these pictures.
- d. She said she didn't watch some Mel Gibson's movies.
- e. We just don't like some of the things you do.
- f. I really can't understand some people.
- g. I don't like some of your habits.
- h. I don't know some of the guests.
- i. I don't want some pretty faces to tell me some pretty lies.
- j. He doesn't agree on some issues on the proposal.
- k. I don't like some of these bands you mentioned.

