English Grammar – Some / Any (undefined quantity)

1) Some: Used in positive sentences.
Any: Used in negative sentences and questions.

- There are **some** books on the table.
- There aren't **any** books on the table.
- Are there **any** books on the table?
- A: Do you have **any** money?
  B: Yes, I have **some** money. / B: No, I don't have **any** money.
- I don't have **any** photographs in my living room, but I have **some** paintings.
- A: Are there **any** German students in your class?
  B: No, but there are **some** Japanese students.

Exercise 1. Choose "some" or "any":

1. Do you have _____ coffee?
2. I like _____ pop groups, but not all.
3. I don't have _____ money. I'm poor!
4. Yuk! There are _____ insects in my sandwich!
5. It's raining, so there aren't _____ people in the park today.
6. _____ people like rock music and _____ people like classical.

2) Something / Anything *(alguma coisa)*
Somebody / Anybody *(alguém)*
Somewhere / Anywhere *(algum lugar)*

- There is **something** in my shoe.
- There isn't **anything** interesting in the cupboard.
- I need **somebody** to help me.
- Is there **anybody** at home?
- Peter is **somewhere** in the house, but I don't know where.
- Is there **anywhere** we can speak alone?

Exercise 2. Choose "something", "anything", "somebody", "anybody", "somewhere" or "anywhere":

1. I don't have _____ to do today.
2. I don't have _____ to go today.
3. I need _____ to drink!
4. He doesn't know _____ in his new school. *(people)*
5. *(Telephone)* Hello? Is there _____ there?
6. I need _____ to teach me French.
7. Excuse me. Can you help me? I'm looking for _____ to sit.

3) Other uses

Some: Also used for suggestions, offers and requests.
Any: Also used for random choices. (PT: *qualquer*)

Examples:

Suggestion: Let's have **some** tea.

Offer: Would you like **some** coffee?

Request: Can I have **some** water, please?

Random choice: I love **any** cake with chocolate in it.

Request: A: Can I have **some** beer please?
B: Of course. Which beer would you like?

Random choice: A: I don't mind – **any** one.

Exercise 3. Choose "some" or "any":

1. A: Would you like _____ cake? B: Yes, please!
2. I love all the Beatles songs. You can choose _____ song.
3. A: Can I take _____ biscuits with me? B: Of course!
4. I don't mind which day you come. _____ day is OK.
5. A: Let's make _____ biscuits? B: Oh, yes!
6. A: Let's listen to music!
   B: Good idea – which artist?
   A: _____ artist, I don't mind.
7. We need more tea – let's buy _____ more?
8. All the buses from here go to Trafalgar Square. So you can take _____ bus.

Exercise 4. Choose "something", "anything", "somebody", "anybody", "somewhere" or "anywhere":

1. Would you like _____ to drink?
2. I need help. Can _____ help me, please?
3. Let's go _____ to talk in private?
4. Can I eat _____, please? I am starving!

Video suggestions:

Queen – "Somebody to love": https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cYQm1Fn5VD0 (4 mins)

Beatles – "Help": https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cueulBxn1Fw (2 mins)

Some & Any: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cazik1WGsco (14 mins)

Online exercise:

https://www.tolearnenglish.com/exercises/exercise-english-2/exercise-english-5845.php