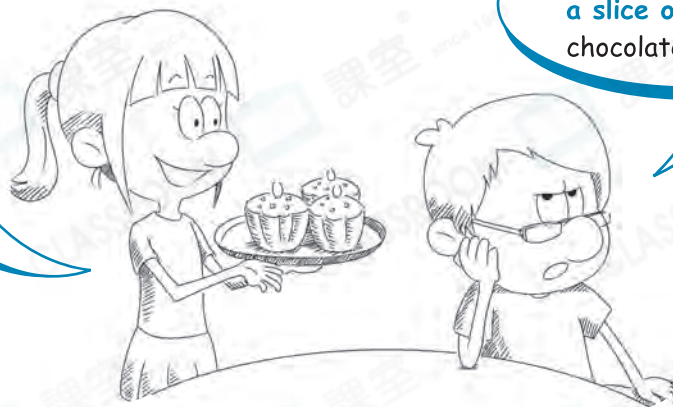


Would you like **some** cupcakes? There isn't **any** sugar in them. They're healthy!



No, thanks. I'd prefer **a slice of** sweet chocolate cake.



Usage

We use *some*, *any*, *no* and quantity words like *a pair of* to talk about amounts.

- e.g.** Mum made **some** cupcakes for us.
- e.g.** Is there **any** sugar in the coffee?
- e.g.** There are **no** magazines on the shelf.
- e.g.** Dad promised to buy me **a pair of** limited-edition sneakers.



Part 1 Some, Any, No

Some, *any* and *no* can be used with both **plural countable nouns** and **uncountable nouns**.

Plural countable noun	Uncountable noun
I broke some <u>eggs</u> carelessly.	Shall we ask for some <u>advice</u> ?
Are there any <u>apples</u> in the fridge?	There isn't any <u>tea</u> in his cup.
There are no <u>books</u> on the table.	The beggar has no <u>money</u> to buy food.

We use *some* in different kinds of sentences for different purposes.

	Purpose	Example
Positive statement	To talk about a certain amount of something (we are not sure about the exact amount)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is some <u>salt</u> in the soup. • Emily bought some <u>nice jackets</u>.
Question	To make requests, suggestions or offers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Could you</u> give me some <u>water</u>? (Request) • <u>Shall we</u> eat some <u>cookies</u>? (Suggestion) • <u>Shall I</u> order some <u>food</u>? (Offer)

We can use *any* in different kinds of sentences for different purposes.

	Purpose	Example
Negative statement	To say that the amount of something is zero (0).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There <u>isn't any food</u> left. I <u>didn't buy any clothes</u> last month.
Question	To ask about the amount of something	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Is there any food</u> left? <u>Will you buy any fruits</u> in the supermarket?

We can use *no* in positive statements for talking about a zero amount of something.

	Purpose	Example
Positive statement	To say that the amount of something is zero (0).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is <u>no help</u> from the government. The poor boy had <u>no pencils</u>.

Exercise 1

Fill in the blanks with 'some', 'any' or 'no'.

- There are _____ trains after 1 am. You'd better hurry up to catch the last train.
- It is tea time now. Shall we have _____ chocolate biscuits?
- Dave has _____ time to relax. He works until midnight every day.
- Did you add _____ seasonings into the soup?
It tastes **bland**. I'll put _____ salt in it.
- I can't do _____ revision now. Do you mind if I put _____ classical music on? It helps me **concentrate**.
- Alice is lonely in the new school. She has _____ ideas about making new friends here. In the old school, she didn't have _____ difficulties in making friends. Now, she really needs _____ help.



Vocabulary:

bland (adj.): not having a strong taste
concentrate (v.): to focus on something



Part 2 Quantity Words

Apart from *some*, *any* and *no*, we can use quantity words to talk about the amount of something. They can be used with both countable and uncountable nouns. The following are some common quantity words:

Common quantity words					
a packet of	a carton of	a tin of	a can of	a glass of	a loaf of
a slice of	a pair of	a bunch of	a box of	a cone of	a plate of
a bottle of	a cup of	a bowl of	a bar of	a jar of	a tube of

e.g. Mr Jackson bought **a bunch of** flowers for his wife.

Exercise 2

Look at the pictures and fill in the blanks with the correct quantity words.

- _____ *a packet of* _____ potato chips
- _____ milk
- _____ fish
- _____ cola
- _____ cakes
- _____ scissors



Unit Recap

Ann is writing a recipe. Complete the recipe with 'some', 'any', 'no' or the correct quantity words.

French Crêpe

Ingredients:

- a (1) _____ of flour
- a (2) _____ of milk
- two eggs
- a (3) _____ of strawberry sauce

Steps:

- Whisk the eggs and milk together in a bowl. Do not add (4) _____ water into the mixture. Now, there are many bubbles in the mixture. Then add two (5) _____ of flour. Whisk the mixture until there are (6) _____ bubbles.
- Spread the mixture on the saucepan. Heat until it is brown on both sides. Serve hot and pour (7) _____ strawberry sauce on it.