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Grammar videos: Some, any, every and no



Remember to watch the video first! Then read the conversation between Sophie and Hakan. Sophie's helping Hakan understand how to use *some*, *any* and *no* to talk about numbers or the amount of things.



We use *some* and *any* for talking about indefinite numbers or amounts of things. We use them with nouns or on their own, as pronouns.



I know about *some* and *any*. You use *some* in positive sentences and *any* in questions and negatives, right?

Well, yes, often.

We've got **some** amazing chocolate cake, and **some** carrot cake. Have you got **any** chocolate cake? I haven't had **any** carrot cake for ages.

But we also use any in positive sentences.

Any cake will do. Surprise me. She can tell you everything about ... well, about anything!





We use some for talking about a limited number or amount; and we use any for an unlimited number or amount. For example, imagine you are talking about different kinds of cake. All these sentences are possible:

- A. I like **any** kind of cake. (= all kinds of cake, unlimited)
- B. I don't like any kind of cake. (= 0 kinds of cake, unlimited)
- C. I like **some** kinds of cake. (= a limited number of kinds of cake)
- D. I **don't** like **some** kinds of cake. (= a limited number of kinds of cake)

OK, I think that's clear. I like any kind of music. I don't like some dogs.

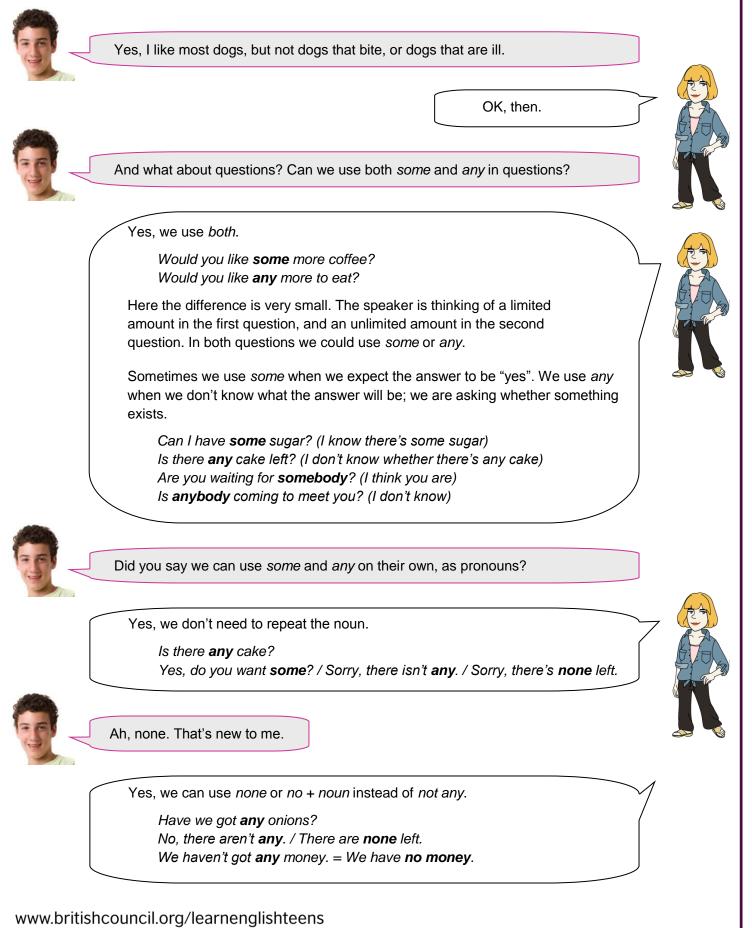
Yes, if you like all music and if you also like *some* dogs.

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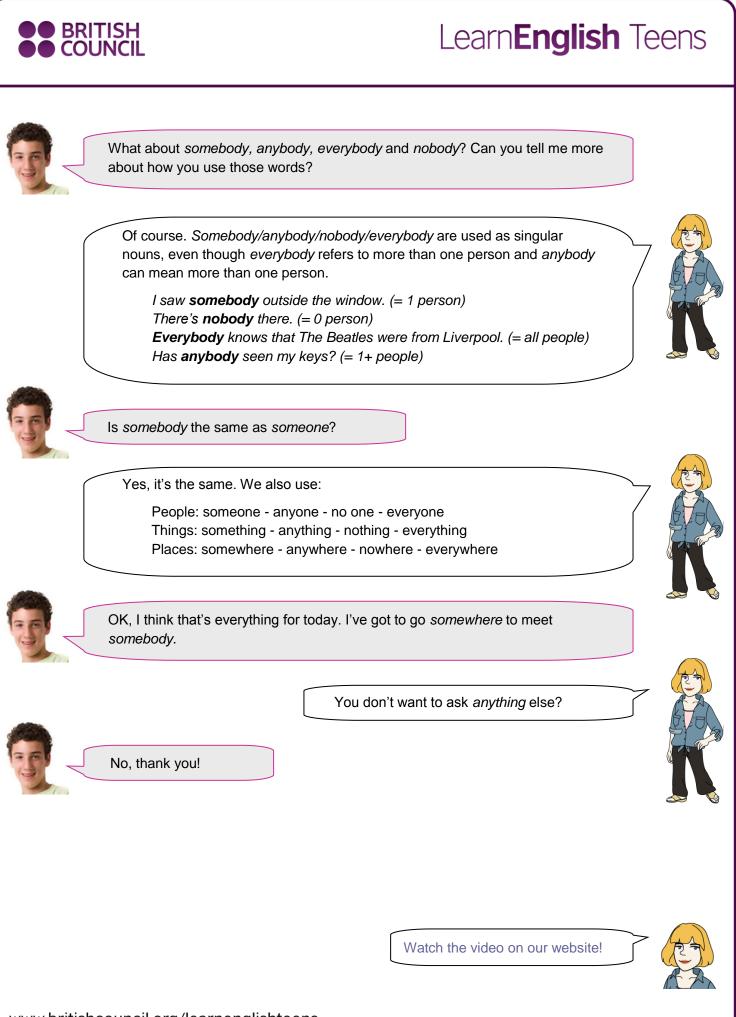
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