Unit 5: SOME and ANY and their compounds (G25-29)

1. Revision

SOME und ANY are used with **uncountable** things.

**SOME** is used:
- in **positive sentences**: *There is some chocolate in the cupboard.*
- when we **offer things**: *Would you like some tea?* - Yes, please.
- in polite questions or requests (= *Bitte*) **(we expect the answer "YES")**: *Can I have some bread, please? Can someone open the door, please?*

**ANY** is used:
- in most **questions**: *Have you got any questions?*
- in **negative sentences**: *No, I haven't got any.*

**Exercise 1: Robert and his mum have just come back from a holiday. Robert is very hungry. Some or any? Put in the right word.**

Robert: Do we have _________ muesli, mum?

Mum: There is _____________ muesli in the cupboard.

Robert: But there isn't ______________ milk in the fridge.

Mum: Here is some money. You can go to the shop and buy _____________ milk.

Robert: Mum, there aren't ______________ bananas either (= auch nicht)!

Mum: We didn't buy ______________ fruit because we were on holiday, remember! Go and buy ________________ bananas and milk. Would you like to get ________________ chocolate as well?

Robert: Sure, I'll get _________________. But I don't have ________ money.

Mum: Here is _____________ money. Hurry up, the shop will close soon!
2. The compounds of SOME and ANY

The same rules apply to the compounds of SOME and ANY:

"Somebody, someone, something, somewhere"
- **positive sentences**: *There is somebody in the garden.*
- when we offer things: *Would you like something to drink?*
- polite questions or requests (= Bitte) (we expect the answer "YES"): *Would you like to go somewhere?*

"Anybody, anyone, anything, anywhere"
- most questions: *Did you buy anything in London?*
- **negative sentences**: *No, I didn't buy anything. We didn't go anywhere near a shop.*

☛ Exercise 2: choose the correct answer

1. She said **anything / something**, but I didn't understand anything.
2. Has **anybody / somebody** found my bag? No, I'm sorry.
3. Would **anybody / somebody** help me, please? Yes, I can help you.
4. Have you got **anything / something** to drink? No, I haven't.
5. Tom, can you give me **anything / something** to eat, please?
6. Is there **anybody / somebody** in the house? No, it's deserted.
7. Do you know **anything / something** about Shakespeare? No, I don't.
8. What's wrong? There's **anything / something** in my eye.
9. Do you like **anything / something** to eat? Yes, please.
10. **Anybody / somebody** has broken the window. I don't know who.
11. He didn't say **anything / something**.
12. I'm looking for my umbrella. Has **anybody / somebody** seen it? No, I'm sorry.
13. Tell me **anything / something** exciting.
14. I didn't drink **anything / something** because I wasn't thirsty.
15. Dad, can we go **anywhere / somewhere** on Friday? Yes, what about going to the zoo?
Exercise 3: Put in a compound of some or any (somebody, someone, something, somewhere anybody, anyone, anything, anywhere)

1. Has ________________ seen my mother? No, I'm sorry. I haven't seen
   ________________ around here.

2. Would you like to go ________________ on Saturday?
   Yes, great. I would like to do ________________ exciting. Is
   ________________ else coming with us?
   No, ________________ is coming. It's just the two of us.

3. Have you got ________________ to eat? - No I haven't. Let's go
   ________________ where we can have ________________ to eat.

4. I have to tell you _________________. But you mustn't tell
   ________________ else about it, it's a secret (= Geheimnis).
3. ANY and EVERY: you mustn't mix them up because they have different meanings!

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ANY can also be used in positive sentences:

I don't like it here. **Any** other place would be better than this one. (= jeder andere Ort)

*Which cake would you like to have? – I like any kind of cake.* (= all kinds of cake, unlimited)

**He can tell you everything about ... well, about anything!**

In these sentences we use any for an unlimited number or amount.

4. NO and its compounds

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3. Have you bought ________________ I wrote down on the shopping list? -
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Test 5

Sarah: Shall we look for __________________ to get some coffee and ________________ cake?
Rita: Alright. I'm not very hungry, but I'd love ________________ to drink. Where do you fancy going?
Sarah: ________________ you like.
Rita: Well, how about this place?
Sarah: Ooooh, there's ________________ else here! Where is ________________? Ah well, it's all for us! Hi!
Waiter: Hi! What can I get you?
Sarah: I'd like a café latte, please, and have you got ________________ cake?
Waiter: Oh yes, we do. We've got ________________ amazing chocolate cake, and ________________ carrot cake – that's my personal favourite – and there's a lemon and ginger cake ... and ...
Sarah: No, no, I'll have ________________ carrot cake – I haven't had ________________ for ages, and I love it!
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Sarah: Ooh, that sounds good!
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Sarah: So. How's it all going? New town, new school, new people ...
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Kim: Huh! Me!!?? Jealous?! Who needs travel when you have cake?! So, Rita, Sarah told me you're new, right? Welcome to our town! You'll like it here. Nice people, good cake. Now tell me ___________________ about yourself ... 

Sarah: Kim! It's not a job interview! So, anyway there's Mr Smith, and – oh – and Miss Dickens is cool, ___________________ likes her, she teaches maths and she can tell you everything about ... well, about ___________________! And then there's ...
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