

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!

any anyone anything anywhere	jede(-r, -s) beliebige jede beliebige Person alles (egal was) überall (an jedem beliebigen Ort)	every everyone everything everywhere	jede(-r, -s) ohne Ausnahme jeder (alle ohne Ausnahme) alles (ohne Ausnahme)) überall (an allen Orten)
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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

Nobody was there to help me.	= There wasn't anybody there to help me.	Es war niemand da um mir zu helfen.
I had nowhere to go.	= I didn't have anywhere to go.	Ich konnte nirgends hingehen.
There was nothing I could do.	I couldn't do anything .	Ich konnte nichts tun.

Exercise 4: Put in any / every / no or one of their compounds

- Has _____ seen my pen? I have been looking _____ but I can't find it _____.
- My friend John and I went to a party last night. I didn't know _____ there while my friend seemed to know _____. Therefore he introduced me to _____. The problem was that I didn't have _____ in common with the other guests so I didn't know what to talk about. It was quite boring. _____ place would have been better than that party!
- Have you bought _____ I wrote down on the shopping list? - Yes, I haven't forgotten _____.

 **TEST your language skills:** Sarah and her new friend Rita are at the shopping centre: *put in some / any / every / no and its compounds*

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: Oooh, 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!

Waiter: A great choice. And can I get you _____, too?

Rita: Yes, I'd like _____ green tea with mango, please.

Sarah: Ooh, that sounds good!

Waiter: _____ else?

Rita: Do you have _____ cookies?

Waiter: I'm sorry, there are none left.

Rita: OK, _____ else then. Just the tea.

Waiter: So, one green tea with mango, one café latte and _____ carrot cake.

Sarah: So. How's it all going? New town, new school, new people ...

Rita: Well, I haven't really made _____ friends yet, apart from you, but I'm OK. I just need _____ time.

Sarah: Yeah, of course.

Rita: And the teachers all seem nice. There's _____ really boring or unfriendly.

Sarah: No. School's OK. The headmaster's new – Mr. Smith – I don't think _____ really knows him yet, but he seems fine.

Rita: Yeah, _____ told me he's almost 50. Can you believe it?

Sarah: No way. He looks like _____ in that film about the millionaire ... ummm ... Hey, look! That's my sister over there! Kim! Come and meet Rita!

Kim: Hi, girls. What are you up to?

Sarah: _____. Just chatting and having _____ cake. Mm!! Have _____, it's delicious!

Kim: It looks tasty, I might get some. Hi, I'm Kim, Sarah's sister.

Rita: Hi, I'm Rita.

Kim: Rita. Cool. Excuse me, have you got _____ chocolate cake at all?

Waiter: Yes, we've got three different kinds – all home-made. There's chocolate biscuit cake, white chocolate cake and chocolate and orange cake.

Kim: _____ will do. Surprise me. And a glass of water, please. Thanks. So, Rita. Where are you from? Anywhere exotic and exciting, like the places our mother visits? Singapore? ...

Rita: I'm from Cambridge. Cambridge, England.

Kim: Ah right! Cambridge! Haha, that's _____ Mum hasn't been! It's too near home! Thanks.


Sarah: Ignore her, she's just jealous. Our mum travels a lot.

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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Key to the exercises

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Yes, great. I would like to do **something** exciting. Is **anyone/ anybody** else coming with us?

No, **no one / nobody** is coming. It's just the two of us.

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