



### 1. Concept Explanation (teacher's board summary)

#### A. Basic rule of thumb (write as a three-column table)

Affirmative (+)	I need <b>SOME</b> milk. There are <b>SOME</b> apples.
Negative (-)	I don't need <b>ANY</b> milk. There aren't <b>ANY</b> apples.
Questions (?)	Do you need <b>ANY</b> milk? Are there <b>ANY</b> apples?

#### B. What the words really do

- some / any are determiners (they sit before plural count & uncount nouns).
- They do NOT tell us "how much/many"; they only signal that the exact number/amount is unspecified.
- The choice is controlled by grammar ( $\pm$  polarity) and by speaker attitude (offer/request  $\rightarrow$  some in questions).

#### C. Quick polarity check (finger signs)

Thumb up = affirmative  $\rightarrow$  some

Thumb sideways = question  $\rightarrow$  any (default)

Thumb up while asking = offer/request  $\rightarrow$  some (exception)

### 2. Examples in context

Context: Two flat-mates on a Saturday morning.

Affirmative "There's some coffee in the pot, but there isn't any sugar left."

Negative "I didn't buy any bread yesterday, so we don't have any sandwiches."

Neutral question	“Is there any cheese in the fridge?”
Offer / request (polite)	“Would you like some orange juice?” “Could you lend me some money until tomorrow?”

### 3. Activities (gradual release: I do → we do → you do)

#### A. Lead-in

Realia bag: pull out a few items (pen, coins, biscuits). Elicit: “What’s in the bag?” Guide: “There are some pens...” Write the two words on board.

#### B. Notice & analyse

Mini-text gap-fill on screen:

“I have \_\_\_ good friends. I don’t have \_\_\_ enemies. Do you have \_\_\_ brothers or sisters?”

Learners complete in pairs → whole-class feedback → highlight +/- rule.

### 4. Variations & Nuanced Cases

- Offers / requests → some in questions  
“Can I have some water?” (not \*any) – sounds more natural & polite.
- Positive bias questions → some  
“Did someone call?” (I think yes.) vs “Did anyone call?” (neutral)
- Negative pronouns already carry negative force → any  
“Nobody brought any food.”
- if-clauses (hypothetical) → any  
“If you have any problems, call me.”
- Stress for contrast  
“I said SOME coffee, not ALL the coffee!” (quantity emphasis)
- Fixed expressions  
“Any time.” / “Some day.” / “Any idea...?”