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Grammar – Quantifiers

Some, Any, or No...? 1

When do we use *SOME*, *ANY*, and *NO*?

	SOME	ANY	NO
POSITIVE	✓ I need some help.	✓ (means 'whichever') 'Which film?' 'Any will be fine.'	✓ (but neg. form is better) There are no tickets left.
NEGATIVE	✗ I don't want some breakfast.	✓ I don't want any breakfast.	✗ There isn't no milk.
QUESTION	✓ (expect a positive reply) Can I have some juice, mum?	✓ Do we need any cereal?	✓ (formal / theatrical) Is there <i>nobody</i> to help?!
QUANTITY	MEDIUM	ONE TO UNLIMITED	ZERO
RELATED WORDS	SOMEBODY SOMETHING SOMEWHERE	ANYBODY ANYTHING ANYWHERE	NOBODY NOTHING NOWHERE

Use one of the words in *blue* to complete each gap below:

- There are _____ crisps in that bowl.
- Have you got _____ for the school newspaper?
- There's _____ place like home.
- Did you meet _____ friends at the party last night?
- Is there _____ you want to tell me?
- Paul had _____ to say to his nan, so he remained quiet.
- Do you need _____ who can cook to help at the restaurant?
- Why is there _____ quiet for me to work?
- He didn't have _____ money.
- Is there _____ good on at the cinema?
- Can I have _____ ice cream?
- Unfortunately, I had _____ to do and _____ money to do it with.
- I haven't seen Joanne _____.
- Can I give you _____ for the charity appeal?
- There were _____ trains after 10 pm.

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Answers:

1. There are SOME crisps in that bowl.
2. Have you got ANYTHING / SOMETHING for the school newspaper? (*depends on expectations*)
3. There's NO place like home.
4. Did you meet ANY friends at the party last night?
5. Is there SOMETHING / ANYTHING you want to tell me? (*depends on the context*)
6. Paul had NOTHING to say to his nan, so he remained quiet.
7. Do you need SOMEBODY who can cook to help at the restaurant?
8. Why is there NOWHERE quiet for me to work?
9. He didn't have ANY money.
10. Is there ANYTHING good on at the cinema?
11. Can I have SOME ice cream?
12. Unfortunately, I had NOTHING to do and NO money to do it with.
13. I haven't seen Joanne ANYWHERE.
14. Can I give you SOMETHING for the charity appeal?
15. There were NO trains after 10 pm.