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| ANY | | |
| Used with uncountable or plural nouns in negative sentences and questions, after if or whether, and after some verbs such as prevent, ban avoid, etc. to refer to an amount or a number of sth, however large or small.   * *I didn’t eat any meat.* * *Are there any stamps in that drawer?* * *You can’t go out without any shoes.* * *She asked if we had any questions.* | Used with singular countable nouns to refer to one of a number of things or people, when it does not matter which one.   * *Take any book you like.* * *Any teacher will tell you that students learn at different rates.* | In positive sentences **some** is usually used instead of **any**.   * *I’ve got some paper if you want it.* * *Would you like some milk in your tea?* |

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| FEW | | |
| Used with plural nouns and a plural verb to mean ‘not many’.   * *Few people understand the difference.* | (a few) Used with plural nouns and a plural verb to mean ‘a small number’ of people, things or places.   * *I need a few tomatoes from the supermarket.* | (pronoun) Not many people, things or places   * *Could you give me a few more details?* * *Very few of his books are worth reading.* |

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| LITTLE | | |
| Used with uncountable nouns to mean ‘not much’.   * *There was little doubt in my mind.* | (a little) Used with uncountable nouns to mean a ‘small amount’ ‘some’ to refer to one of a number of things or people, when it does not matter which one.   * *If you have any spare milk, could you give me a little?* | (adverb) Not much; only slightly.   * *I slept very little last night.* |

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| Used only with plural nouns and verbs, especially in negative sentences or in more formal English, to mean ‘a large number of’.   * *We don’t have very many copies left.* * *Many people feel that the law should be changed.* | Also used in questions to ask about the size of a number.   * *How many children do you have?* | Used with ‘as’ and ‘too’.   * *There are too many mistakes in this essay.* |

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| Used with uncountable nouns, especially in negative sentences to mean ‘a large amount of’. It is also used with ‘as’, ‘so’ and ‘too’   * *I don’t have much money with me.* * *I’ve got far too much to do.* | (Adverb) to a great degree:     * *Thank you very much for the flowers.* | In statements *a lot of* or *lots of* are much more common.   * *How much does she earn? ‘A lot!*   You can also use ‘plenty of*’*:   * *We have plenty more of them in the warehouse.* |

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| SOME | |
| Used with uncountable nouns, or plural countable nouns to mean ‘an amount of’, when the amount or number is not given:   * *There’s still some wine in the bottle.* * *Have some more vegetables.*   In negative sentences and questions **any** is usually used instead of ‘some’:   * *I don’t want any more vegetables*. * *Is there any wine left?*   However, **some** is used in questions that expect a positive reply:   * *Would you like some milk in your coffee?* * *Didn’t you borrow some books of mine?* | ‘some’ is used to refer to certain members of a group or certain types of a thing, but not all of them.   * *Some people never seem to put on weight while others are always on a diet.* * *Some people find this more difficult than others.* |