

Quantifiers – some – any – enough

Introduction

1) Quantifiers are adjectives and adjectival phrases that give approximate or specific answers to the questions 'How much?' and 'How many?'.

*Sorry, but there isn't **much** left for you to do here.*

2) To answer the questions 'How much?' and 'How many?' certain quantifiers can be used with countable nouns (chairs, apples), while others can be used with uncountable nouns (tea, money). We use *much* with uncountable nouns and *many* with countable nouns. Note that *much* and *many* are mainly used in interrogative and negative sentences.

***How many cousins** do you have? (countable)*

***How much money** did you spend? (uncountable)*

We use *some*, *any* when we are talking about limited but rather indefinite number or quantities. In general, we use *some* for affirmative sentences, and *any* for negatives and questions. Both can be used with countable and uncountable nouns.

*Jane bought **some** flowers.*

*Did Jane buy **any** flowers? – No, she didn't buy **any**.*

Some can be used for questions, typically offers and requests, if we think the answer will be positive.

*Would you like **some** tea?*

Any can be used in the meaning 'it doesn't matter which'.

*You can take **any** bus. They all go to the centre. (=it doesn't matter which bus you take)*

We use *enough* to indicate sufficiency, while in negative sentences it means less than sufficient or less than necessary.

*I'll take your t-shirt. It's **big enough** to fit me.*

*Sorry, but I can't go with you. I don't have **enough money** for that.*

Short Story Dialogue

- *Do we have **any** cookies?*
- *No, I don't think we have **any** cookies left. There were **some** candies though.*
- *Can I have **some**?*
- *Yeah, sure!*
- *And can I have **some** sugar too? This coffee isn't sweet **enough**.*
- *I thought it was sweet **enough** for you. But yeah, take **some** sugar if you want.*

Independent Practice - Quantifiers – some – any – enough

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- c. This game cost \$10, and I had \$5. I didn't have money for it, so I had to borrow from my friend.
- d. I'm going out with friends of mine tonight.
- e. I have questions concerning my project so I'll call you later.
- f. Mary doesn't have spare pillows at her place. You should take yours if you want to stay over.
- g. Which dress should I buy? – You can take I really don't care.
- h. You aren't working hard !
- i. Don't worry! This is to keep me awake.
- j. If you need sugar, it's in the white cabinet in the kitchen.

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