

5.10 Some, Any, A, No

	EXAMPLES	EXPLANATION
Affirmative	There is a big reservation in the Southwest. There is an onion in the recipe.	Use <i>a</i> or <i>an</i> with singular count nouns.
Affirmative	I used some raisins in the recipe. I used some bread in the recipe.	Use <i>some</i> with both plural count nouns and noncount nouns.
Negative	I didn't eat any potatoes. I didn't eat any gravy.	Use <i>any</i> for negatives with both plural count nouns and noncount nouns.
Question	Did the code talkers make any mistakes? Did the enemy get any information?	Use <i>any</i> for questions with both plural count nouns and noncount nouns.
No vs. any	There isn't any sugar in the stuffing. There is no sugar in the stuffing. There aren't any potatoes in the soup. There are no potatoes in the soup.	Use <i>any</i> after a negative verb. Use <i>no</i> after an affirmative verb. <i>Wrong</i> : There <i>aren't no</i> potatoes in the soup.

Language Notes:

1. Don't use the indefinite article after *no*.

Wrong: I have no *an* answer to your question.

Right: I have no answer to your question.

2. You will sometimes see *any* with a singular count noun.

Which pen should I use for the test? You can use *any* pen.

Any, in this case, means whichever you want. It doesn't matter which pen.