Using Some and Any

Use

Some and any are used when you don't know how much or how many.

Some and any are used with countable and uncountable nouns.

Any, how much and how many are used for questions.

A few and a little are used to describe small quantities

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| Form | Example |
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| Some is used for positive sentences | I have got some cakes. We've got some bags. There are some students outside. |
| Any is used for negative sentences | I haven't got any cakes. We haven't got any bags. We haven't got any cheese |
| A few is used with countable nouns | We have a few seats at the back There are a few cakes left We have a few books each |
| A little is used with uncountable nouns | There is a little ice cream left in the tub I will have a little rice We only have a little petrol left |
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| Questions | Example |
| Any can be used in a question | Have you got any cakes? Have you got any bags? Are there any students outside? |
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| Use how many with countable nouns | How many cakes do you have? How many bags do you have? |
| Use how much with uncountable nouns | How much rice is there? How much ice cream do you want? |
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