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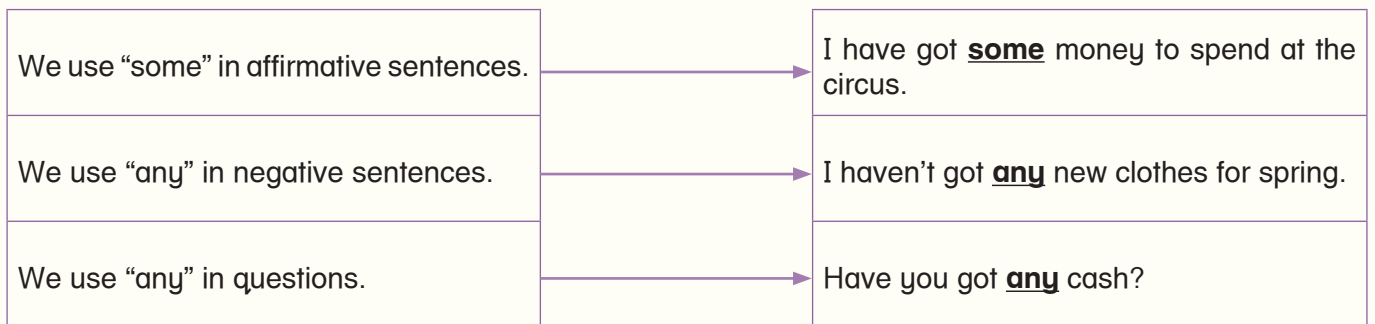
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<p>⇒ Before words starting with vowels but with a consonant sound.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a useful book a uniform a European a university a one-eyed man 	<p>✿ Before words with silent “h”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> an hour an honour an heir an honest girl an honourable judges an hourglass 																																							

Some	Any
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✍ Some is used to mean “a little” or “a few”. ✍ We use “some” with both countable and uncountable nouns. ✍ When used with countable nouns, the nouns will be plural. When used with uncountable nouns, they are always singular. ✍ Some is used in affirmative sentences. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I need to buy some bread. • There are some apples in the kitchen. • He will bring some friends to the birthday party next week. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✍ Any is used to mean “no” or “zero”. ✍ We use “any” with both countable and uncountable nouns. ✍ When used with countable nouns, they are always plural. When used with uncountable nouns, they become singular. ✍ Any is used in both negative sentences and questions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I don’t have any pen to use. • Do you have any pen you can lend me? • There isn’t any butter.



How Much/How Many
<p>1. Uncountable nouns are always singular.</p> <p>We use how much to ask the amount of something uncountable.</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much water did you drink? • How much sugar would he like? <p>“Money” is uncountable. You can count dollars, pounds, ringgits, euros, coins or banknotes, but not “money”.</p>
<p>2. Countable nouns can be singular or plural.</p> <p>We use how many to ask the quantity of something countable.</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many burgers do we need? • How many oranges are left inside the fridge?