

Some and any

Any means 'some amount of something'. This word is mainly used in questions and negatives.

Have you got any wool? No I haven't got any wool.

Has she got any friends? No, she hasn't got any friends?

Any can mean 'no matter which'

Take any book you want. (It does not matter which book you take.)

Come any day you like.

Any can mean 'at all'.

Is he any better?

The expressions 'in any case' and 'at any rate' mean 'whatever happens'.

We must stop him at any rate.

In any case, we cannot allow this to happen.

Anyhow

Anyhow means 'in any way'.

Do it anyhow you like.

Anyhow can also mean 'carelessly'.

He finished the job anyhow.

Some

Some can mean 'one'.

Some person has taken my umbrella.

Some is also used to refer to an unknown number of people or things or an unknown quantity of something.

I have planted some lilies in the garden. (I don't say exactly how many lilies I planted.)

I need some cheese.

Note that some is mainly used in affirmative sentences.

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Some can also mean 'approximately'.

There were some ten people present. (= There were approximately ten people present.)

Somehow means in some way.

I managed to do it somehow.