

When do we use *some*, when do we use *any*?

Some:

is mostly used in affirmative (positive) sentences.

Some is generally used to describe **specified amounts**.

*I have **some** friends in London.*
*She bought **some** apples.*
*We need **some** water.*

Any:

is mostly used in negative sentences (translated *kein/keine*).

*I don't have **any** money.*
*He didn't buy **any** food.*
*There isn't **any** milk left.*

Any:

is used in questions for **unspecified** amounts.

*Do you have **any** money?*
*Did he buy **any** food?*
*Is there **any** milk left?*

Some:

is used in questions for **specified** amounts.

*Do you like **some** tea? (specified amount: a cup of tea)*
*Can I have **some** water? (specified amount: a glass of water)*
*Can you give me **some** advice? (...to solve one or two problems)*