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Upper - Intermediate

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The Big Restaurant Challenge

Emma and her best friend Tom loved watching cooking shows. One evening, they sat on the sofa with popcorn and turned on The Restaurant, the famous TV programme with the chef Raymond Blanc. Nine couples competed to win their own restaurant, but only one team could succeed.

“What do you think?” Emma asked. “Do any of these teams have a real chance?”

Tom shrugged. “Most of them look confident, but some of the ideas are strange. Look at that couple with the Ghanaian theme – I like some African food, but none of their dishes look easy to cook quickly.”

In the first challenge, all of the teams had to make a perfect menu for opening night. Most of the food looked delicious, but some of the portions were too small. “There isn’t any salt on that fish!” Emma laughed. “The customers will complain.”

Later, Raymond Blanc asked the teams to sell cocktails at the bar. “Can you make any profit?” he asked. None of the teams expected it to be so difficult. One couple sold all of their cocktails in an hour, but most of the others had no customers at first. “We didn’t buy any fancy glasses,” one team admitted sadly.

Emma turned to Tom. “I’ve tried some cocktails before, but I don’t drink any alcohol now. What about you?”

“I haven’t got any favourite drinks,” Tom replied. “Most cocktails are too sweet for me. I prefer water or tea.”

The next week, the show had a dessert challenge. All of the teams worked hard, but some of the cakes collapsed. “There’s no hope for that chocolate mousse,” Tom said. “It looks like soup!” In the end, none of the desserts from one team were perfect, so they had to leave the competition.

Emma sighed. “It’s tough. Most of the information Raymond gives is useful, but some of the tasks are really stressful. I’ve visited some nice restaurants, but I’ve never worked in one.”

Tom nodded. “Me too. I’ve read some cookbooks, but I haven’t cooked any complicated dishes. None of my friends are good at baking either.”

By the final episode, only two couples remained. All of the eliminated teams watched from home. The winners opened their restaurant with Raymond's help. "Most of their customers loved the food," Emma said happily. "Some people even came back for more."

Tom smiled. "It's inspiring. Maybe one day we could try something similar – but without TV cameras!"

They both laughed. Watching the show taught them that success needs hard work, and none of the easy paths lead to a prize. Sometimes, some risks bring big rewards, while no effort brings none of the fun.

Questions:

Question 1: How many teams started in The Restaurant TV show, and how many could win in the end?

Question 2: What did Emma and Tom notice about the portions in the first challenge?

Question 3: Why did one team say they didn't sell many cocktails in the bar challenge?

Question 4: What did Tom say about his own experience with cocktails and cooking?

Question 5: At the end of the story, what did Emma and Tom learn from watching the show?

Answers

Answer 1: Nine teams started, but only one team could win.

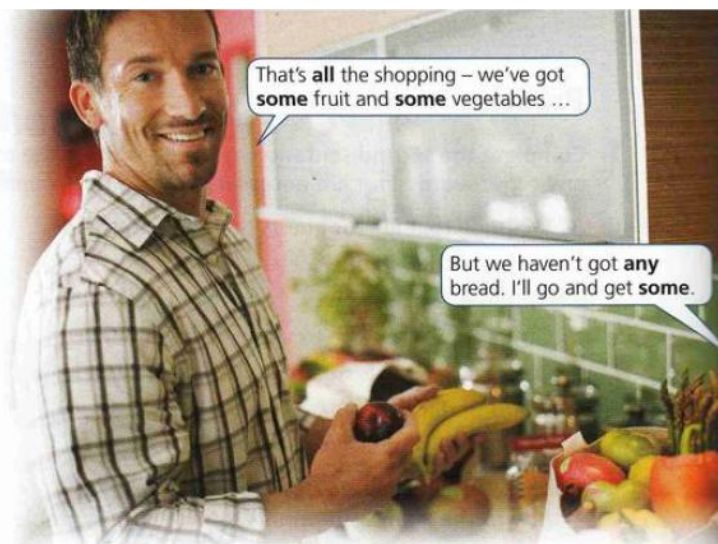
Answer 2: Some of the portions were too small.

Answer 3: They didn't buy any fancy glasses (so they had no customers / sold none at first).

Answer 4: He said he hadn't got any favourite drinks (most cocktails were too sweet for him) and he hadn't cooked any complicated dishes.

Answer 5: They learned that success needs hard work, some risks can bring big rewards, and none of the easy paths lead to a prize (or no effort brings none of the fun).

10 *some, any, all, most, no, none of*



1 *some and any*

We use *some* and *any* + noun when we don't know the exact number/amount, or it is not important:

We've got some vegetables. Have we got any milk?

We usually use *some* in positive sentences and *any* in questions and negative sentences.

- We can use *some* in questions if they are requests, offers or suggestions:
Can I have some information? Would you like some brochures? Shall we do some work now?
- We can use *some* and *any* without a noun, when it is clear what we are talking about:
We haven't got any bread. I'll go and get some.
'We need some coins for the ticket machine.' *'Oh dear, I haven't got any.'*
- We can use *any* to mean 'it doesn't matter which':
'Which flavour ice cream do you want?' *'Oh, get me any flavour – I don't mind which.'*

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2 *all, most, some and no/none*

We can use *all*, *most*, *some* and *no* before the subject or object in a sentence:

All the tickets cost £30.00. I've got all the tickets.

They can go before plural or uncountable nouns:

All fruit contains sugar. Most vegetables contain a lot of vitamins.

Some fish is expensive. No sugary food is good for you.

We use *all (of)*, *most of*, *some of* and *none of* for particular people or things:

All (of) the vegetables in this soup are fresh.

Most of our customers like the vegetarian dishes.

Do you want some of this white chocolate?

None of our jam contains extra sugar.

NATURAL ENGLISH We don't usually say *all people* or *no people*. We say *everyone/everybody* and *no one/nobody*: *Is everyone ready? Nobody called for you today.*

3 *no, none of*

No and *none of* mean 'not any'. We use them in negative statements, with a positive verb:

X None of the advice he gave wasn't useful. ✓ None of the advice he gave was useful.

	SINGULAR COUNTABLE NOUN	PLURAL NOUN	UNCOUNTABLE NOUN
<i>none of</i>	—	<i>None of the machines is/are working.*</i>	<i>None of the bread was fresh.</i>
<i>no</i>	<i>No reason was given.</i>	<i>No reasons were given.</i>	<i>No information was given.</i>

* A singular verb after *none of* + plural noun is more formal.

Practice

1 GRAMMAR IN USE Read the conversation about a TV programme and choose the correct words in *italics*. **2.19** Listen and check.

- LIZ What's *The Restaurant*? Have you seen it?
- LINDA Yes, it's a TV show for people who want to open a restaurant with Raymond Blanc. Nine teams start, but (0) *all* / *most* of them have to leave during the series as only one team can win.
- LIZ What do they have to do?
- LINDA Well, each week (1) *all* / *any* of the teams do a task in their restaurant, but only (2) *none* / *some* of them can succeed.
- LIZ What do you mean? Do (3) *any* / *none* of them have to leave the show?
- LINDA No, (4) *most* / *none* of them have to leave at this point, but (5) *some* / *most* of the teams – the worst two or three – do another task, and then the worst team has to leave.
- LIZ Do the teams come from different restaurants or are they amateur cooks?
- LINDA I don't think (6) *some* / *any* of them are complete amateurs – they all have some professional experience.



Raymond Blanc shares his love of good food in *The Restaurant* tonight on BBC2.

2 Find and correct the mistake in each sentence. **2.20** Listen and check.

- There *isn't any* / *There's no*
- 0 ~~There's any~~ milk left in the fridge. We need to buy some.
- 1 'How many of these books should we bring?' 'All them, please.'
- 2 Can I have any mineral water with my meal, please?
- 3 There weren't no phone calls for you today.
- 4 'Where are the drinks?' 'We didn't buy none.'
- 5 Can I borrow a pen, please? Some colour will be fine.
- 6 'How many songs have you got on your iPod?' 'I've got any. I've just bought it.'
- 7 None of the visitors didn't enjoy the exhibition. They all hated it.
- 8 Most information the guide gave us was very useful.

3 Write sentences with the words below. Change the verbs as necessary.

- 0 Cathy / have / any / close friends / her class *Cathy hasn't got any close friends in her class.*
- 1 Arnaud / like / most / music
- 2 Fran / have / some / designer clothes
- 3 John / read / all / Shakespeare's plays
- 4 Ellen / visit / any / foreign countries

4 Now make the sentences in Exercise 3 true for you.

- 0 I *'ve got some close friends in my class*
- 1 I
- 2 I
- 3 I
- 4 I

Answers

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1 1 all 2 some 3 any 4 none 5 some 6 any

2 1 All of them

2 ~~any~~ some

3 ~~no~~ any

4 ~~none~~ any

5 ~~Some~~ Any

6 ~~I've got any~~ I haven't got any

7 ~~didn't enjoy~~ enjoyed

8 ~~Most~~ Most of the

3 1 Arnaud likes most music.

2 Fran has some designer clothes.

3 John has read all of Shakespeare's plays.

4 Ellen hasn't visited any foreign countries.

4 Model answers

1 *I like some music.*

2 *I haven't got any designer clothes.*

3 *I've read some of Shakespeare's plays.*

4 *I've visited some foreign countries.*