

Problems with some and any speaking
have (got)/ there is and there are/ quantifiers/ advice, suggestions and recommendations
Market Leader Elementary Unit 3

Make sentences describing problems with “some” or “not any”, ask for your partner’s advice, and react to their advice, in exchanges like:

A: “We don’t have any more laptop computers”/ “There aren’t any laptop computers”

B: “I suggest moving/ I think you should move one of the desktop computers into the meeting room”

A: “That might work/ That’s a good idea. I’ll give it a try.”/ “That might be a bit time consuming. Do you have any other ideas?”

Make sure that you choose the right one of “some” and “not any” to make the thing that you choose something that is negative each time.

Suggested topics/ nouns

- argument
- available manager
- background noise while you are on the phone
- ballpoint pen
- big complaint
- boring presenter
- cheap hotel near to (= close to) the conference centre
- clean cup
- cockroach
- confusing page on your company’s website
- dangerous corner
- dark desk
- dirty mug in the office sink
- double-booked meeting room
- drink in the vending machine
- early morning flight to where you need to go next week
- early morning meeting next week
- employee available to attend a trade fair
- English lesson
- English textbook
- free chair
- free desk
- free room
- high shelf
- hot pipe in the kitchen
- ice cube
- idea
- inflexible manager
- interruption during meetings
- laptop computer
- lighter
- manual

- meeting that you must go to at 9 o'clock tomorrow
- message for your boss, who won't be back until Friday
- message on your answering machine which you need to answer as soon as possible
- messy (= untidy) co-worker
- missing item when your order is delivered
- mistake with invoices
- mobile phone charger
- mosquito
- native speaker
- noisy colleague
- old carton of milk in the office fridge (= refrigerator)
- old manager
- pack of photocopy paper
- person called John Smith in your company
- person calling while your co-worker is out of the office
- person off sick
- person on another line
- person to answer the phone
- person to translate from Italian
- person with experience
- phone call during meetings
- phone ringing while your colleague is away from their desk
- photocopy toner cartridge
- Post-it note
- question about the email that you have just received
- receptionist
- risky investment
- roll of toilet paper
- secure USB stick
- slow computer
- Spanish-speaking person phoning
- stressful meeting on Monday morning
- taxi outside the building
- teabag
- tricky address to dictate
- unreliable computer in the office
- vacuum cleaner
- very important visitor
- volunteer

When your teacher stops you, share some advice you thought was good and see what the class thinks.

Brainstorm phrases to ask for advice, give advice and comment on people's advice.

Ask about any topics/ vocabulary you aren't sure about, making related problems with "some" or "not any" each time.