**Some, any - handout**

**Some**

Weak or full pronunciation

Some + noun: *some clothes*

Some + of the/my/them...: *some of the people*

Some + no noun: *Do we have any milk? ~ Yes, we have some.*

Meaning and use

* Some – indefinite quantity/number
  + weak pronunciation; plural countable nouns, uncountable nouns, positive clauses/some questions (offers, requests, invitations, when expecting a positive response, *wh*- questions)– *I need some clothes.; Would you like some tea?*
* Some – not all
  + full pronunciation; plural countable nouns, uncountable nouns, positive/negative clauses – *Some people like the sea; others prefer the mountains.*
* *Some* can refer to an unknown person or thing
  + full pronunciation; usually singular countable nouns; usually positive clauses – *She lives in some village in Yorkshire.*

**Any**

Weak or full pronunciation

Any + noun: *any clothes*

Any + of the/my/them...: *any of the people*

Any + no noun: *Do we have any milk? ~ No, we don’t have any.*

Meaning and use

* Any – indefinite quantity/number
  + weak pronunciation; plural countable nouns, uncountable nouns; questions (*yes/no* questions), negatives – *Do you need any clothes? I don’t need any clothes.* (weak *any*!)
* Any – it doesn’t matter who/what/which (from more than two!)
  + full pronunciation; singular countable nouns, plural countable nouns, uncountable nouns; positive/negative clauses, questions – *You can borrow any book you like. Can I borrow any book I like? You can’t borrow any book you like.* (stressed *any*!)
  + *either* = it doesn’t matter which ( from two!)
  + *any of your friends is (*more formal*)/are*

After *if* we can use either *some* or *any*.(*If you need some/any help...*)

!!! Clauses containing *never, hardly, without, little*, *barely, rarely, scarcely, seldom,* e.g. are also negative!!!