

MODULE 6: FOOD, PLEASE!

Speaking Skills Notes

Speaking Goals

- Ask for food and drinks politely in social or restaurant settings.
- Practice natural sentence stress when using "**some**" and "**any**".
- Respond accurately using short answers ("Yes, there is" / "No, there aren't").
- Use correct intonation patterns for questions vs. statements.

1. Polite Restaurant Dialogue (Roleplay)

When speaking in a restaurant, intonation and polite language blocks help you sound natural and courteous.

Role A: The Waiter (Asking)

Keep your tone welcoming and use a rising intonation at the end of questions.

- "What would you like to eat?"
- "Would you like **some** water?"

Role B: The Customer (Ordering)

Use softening phrases like "**please**" and "**thank you**" to sound polite.

- "I'd like **some** noodles, please."
- "Can I have **some** lemonade, please?"
- "No, thank you." (Polite refusal)

2. Sentence Stress: "Some" vs. "Any"

In spoken English, we do not stress every single word equally. Content words (like the names of food) are stressed, while grammar words (like *some* or *any*) are spoken quickly and softly.

- **Positive Statement:** "There's some **MILK** in the **FRIDGE**."
Speaking tip: Blend "there's some" together quickly. Focus the vocal punch on *MILK* and *FRIDGE*.
- **Negative Statement:** "There **AREN'T** any **PEPPERS**."
Speaking tip: Put strong emphasis on **AREN'T** to make the refusal clear, then slide quickly over *any*.

3. Intonation: Rise and Fall

Your voice should move up or down depending on whether you are making a statement or asking a question:

Rising Intonation (Questions)

Let your pitch go up at the very end of the question.

- *"Is there any cheese? ↗"*
- *"Are there any carrots? ↗"*

Falling Intonation (Answers & Statements)

Let your pitch drop at the end of the sentence to show you are finished speaking.

- *"Yes, there is. ↘"*
- *"There are some tomatoes. ↘"*

Speaking Success Criteria

- ☐ I can smoothly say "I'd like..., please" without stuttering.
- ☐ My voice rises at the end of questions ("Are there any eggs? ↗").
- ☐ My voice falls at the end of answers ("No, there isn't. ↘").
- ☐ I remember to say "thank you" when turning down a food offer.