This is an excellent follow up for the Always, Sometimes, Never exercise, particularly as the logical result of that exercise will place every statement into the category of 'Sometimes' and that is really unsatisfactory on a number of levels given the imprecision of the term.

Using 'Some' in a Concept Line enables further exploration of the everyway language we use to indicate a portion of something by offering a range of alternatives that may be more precise.

Images and/or Newspaper headlines could accompany the alternative terms to further support understanding, make curriculum links and generate interest and discussion.

The terms used here can be added to or adapted to suit. For example, 'a wee bit' hasn't been included, but it might lead to an interesting inquiry about language if it was.

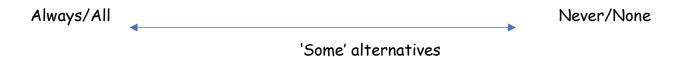
## 'Some' Concept Line

## Aims:

- Students will work collaboratively to rank alternative terms for 'some' as a spectrum between 'all' and 'none'
- Students will reflect on and become familiar with the wealth of terms available instead of 'some' to enable precision when making generalisations.

## Activity:

Draw a line on the board with the term 'Always/All' at one end, 'Never/None' at the other and the line itself labelled 'Some' alternatives. Could use a rope and have resources printed large enough for floor use.



Display/distribute the 30 alternative words or phrases for 'Some' to the class.

Invite pupils to work individually and collectively to place the terms in a rational order, one at a time, on the concept line.

Students should give reasons using examples and evidence when placing the words and phrases on the line. They may need to adjust the placing of the words and phrases as the activity develops.

Encourage students to give examples/contexts of when a word or phrase is used appropriately and when it is not.

a few	a fraction of	precious few
not many	very few	one or two
lots of	next to none	a couple of
most of	almost all	a handful of
the majority of	virtually all	almost none
one	a small number of	a minority of
thousands	a large majority of	loads of
millions	more than one	a small minority of
all but one	not a few	a quantity of
of several	a large number of	the vast majority of