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any

adjective | \ˈe-nē\

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—used to indicate a person or thing that is not particular or specific



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Full Definition of ANY

1 : one or some indiscriminately of whatever kind:

a : one or another taken at random <ask *any* man you meet>

b : EVERY —used to indicate one selected without restriction <*any* child would know that>

2 : one, some, or all indiscriminately of whatever quantity:

a : one or more —used to indicate an undetermined number or amount <have you *any* money>

b : ALL —used to indicate a maximum or whole <needs *any* help he can get>

c : a or some without reference to quantity or extent <grateful for *any* favor at all>

3 **a** : unmeasured or unlimited in amount, number, or extent <*any* quantity you desire>

b : appreciably large or extended <could not endure it *any* length of time>

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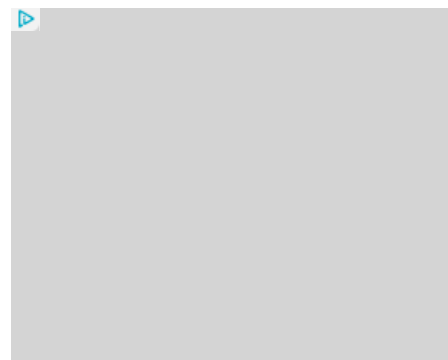
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Origin of ANY

Middle English, from Old English *ænig*; akin to Old High German *einag* any, Old English *ān* one — more at [ONE](#)

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²any

pronoun, singular or plural in construction

Definition of ANY

1 : any person or persons : [ANYONE](#)

2 a : any thing or things

b : any part, quantity, or number

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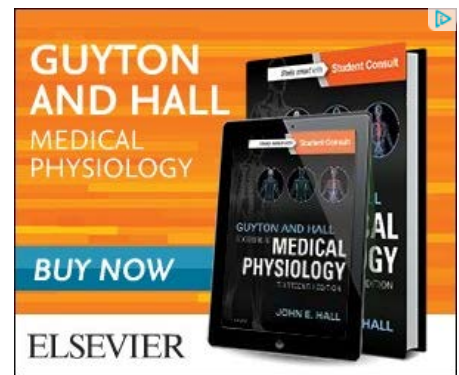
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: to the least amount or degree

Full Definition of ANY

: to any extent or degree : **AT ALL** <was never *any* good> <no, it doesn't help me *any*>

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Examples of ANY

The food there is never *any* good.

He won't be *any* happier there than he was here.

I could not walk *any* farther.

I can't eat *any* more pizza.

First Known Use of ANY

14th century

ANY Defined for Kids

¹any

adjective | \ˈe-nē\

Definition of ANY for Kids

1 : whichever one of <Ask directions from *any* person you meet.>

2 : of whatever number or amount <Do you need *any* help?>

²any

pronoun

Definition of ANY for Kids

1 : any one or ones of the people or things in a group <Are *any* of you ready?>

2 : any amount <Is there *any* left?>

³any

adverb

Definition of ANY for Kids

: to the least amount or degree <You can't get it *any* cleaner.> <This watch was never *any* good.>

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