

Any ☆☆☆

(☆☆ = Basic ☆☆☆ = Intermediate ☆☆☆☆ = Advanced)

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(read through this)

Any is not negative; it's open

"Come and see me any time"

(all times are good)

"You can go anywhere, speak to anyone, say anything..."

(no restrictions)

We often use **any** in questions, but not answers:



"Would you like any more?"
"No more, thanks"

(~~Any~~ more)

There's a famous song which uses *anything* many times:

**"I can do anything
better than you"**

You can listen to the song:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3qdn4YBwIPo>

With **not**, **any** becomes negative: **not any = no**:

I don't want any argument

(100% restriction: I want **no** argument)

"You can't go anywhere, speak to anyone, say anything..."

(100% restriction: You can go **nowhere**, speak to **no-one**, say **nothing**)

Worksheet

(do this: (answers at grammarbites.co.uk)

Fill each blank with one of the words given:

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- 1 We're always open, come _____ day you like.
- 2 I don't want _____ more, thanks.
- 3 Yes, I'd like _____ more, please.
- 4 The post is open to _____ woman who wishes to apply.
- 5 The film is for adults only; _____ person under 18 years will be admitted.

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- 6 That's enough! I want _____ more talk!
- 7 That's enough! I don't want _____ more talk!
- 8 I don't agree, let's have _____ more talk!
- 9 At 6 pm the building will be closed, and _____ will be allowed in after that.
- 10 I don't like him, and I don't want _____ to do with him.

Advanced

In offers, you can say:

Would you like some more tea?

Would you like any more tea?

The difference:

"**Some more**" is more positive, as if the speaker thinks that to have some more would be a good idea.

"**Any more**" has a more negative feel to it: "we're finishing now; do you really want more?"

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