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(also **anyhow**)

**adverb** [sentence adverb]

**1** **DESPITE** in spite of the fact that you have just mentioned:

*Catherine wasn't sure the book was the right one, but she bought it anyway.*

*This idea probably won't work, but let's try it anyway.*

**2** used when adding a remark which shows that the fact just mentioned is not important:

*They didn't have any trainers in my size, and anyway I'd already decided I'd rather save the money.*

*'I hope you haven't told anyone.' 'No. Who would believe me anyway?'*

**3** used when adding something that corrects or slightly changes what you have just said:

*Let's think about it for a while, for a few days anyway.*

*There seems to have been a technical problem – anyway, that's what they told me.*

**4** (**spoken**) used when you are ignoring details so that you can talk immediately about the most important thing:

*He got lost and spent hours looking for the station, and anyway it was past midnight by the time he got home.*

*Anyway, why didn't you call the police?*

**5** **BUT** (**spoken**) used when you are changing the subject of a conversation or returning to a previous subject:

*Anyway, let's leave that for the moment and look at this month's profit figures.*

*Anyway, how are you?*

**6** SO/CONSEQUENTLY (spoken) used when you want to end a conversation or leave a place:

*Anyway, I must be going now.*

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