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determiner, pronoun

**1** FEW/NOT MANY [usually in questions and negatives] some or even the smallest amount or number:

*Have you got any money?*

*Do you need any further information?*

**any of**

*Are any of the paintings for sale?*

*They didn't invite any of us.*

*Are there **any other** questions?*

*They haven't shown **any** interest **at all** in my research.*

*The universities have shown **few if any** signs of a willingness to change.*

**2** EVERYONE used to refer to a person or thing of a particular type when what you are saying is true of all people or things of that type:

*Any child who breaks the rules will be punished.*

*Always check the details carefully before you sign any written agreement.*

*I can see you any time on Monday.*

*If I can help in any way, let me know.*

**any of**

*You can choose any of the books on the list.*

*This excuse was as good as **any other**.*

**3** ALL/EVERYTHING as much as possible:

*They're going to need any help they can get.*

**4 not just any (old) man/woman/job etc** ORDINARY

used to say that someone or something is special:

*She's not just any actress, she's one of the best.*

→ any old thing AT OLD (10) ,

→ any old how AT OLD (11) ,

→ not in any way AT WAY<sup>1</sup> (40)

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