Word for Word

Are There Any Times We Should Use “Anytime” Instead of “Any Time”?
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If you’ve ever been confused about whether to use any time (two words) or anytime (one word), you’re not alone. Even experienced writers sometimes have to pause and think about which of these two options is correct in a given sentence.

The two words any time form a noun phrase in which the adjective any modifies the noun time. In contrast, anytime is an adverb meaning “at any time,”¹ and it always modifies a verb or verb phrase.

To decide whether to use anytime, simply ask yourself whether it could be replaced by its definition, “at any time.” If the answer is yes, then anytime is correct.²

Examples:
We do not have any time to spare. (Any modifies time, and the sentence would not make sense if the words “any time” were replaced by “at any time.”)

I’m not busy today, so call me anytime. (The adverb anytime is correct because it could be replaced by “at any time.”)

References