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### a lot, alot, and allot

Word	a lot	alot	allot
<b>Definition</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a <b>noun</b> that means a large extent or a large amount.</li> <li>• an <b>adverb</b> that means to a great extent or to a great degree.</li> </ul>	a spelling mistake	a <b>verb</b> that means to give out, apportion, divide, or to distribute.

**A lot** is a noun with an article that means “a big amount or number.”

- Example: The conference is going to be **a lot** of extra work.
- Example: I like **a lot** of toppings on my pizza.

**Alot** is a spelling mistake, is not a word, and should be corrected to “a lot”.

- Wrong Example: I have **alot** of homework to do today.
- Correct Example: I have **a lot** of homework to do today.

**Allot** is a verb that means to give or to divide (something) to someone as a share or task.

- Example: I will **allot** a radio to each group.
- Example: You need to **allot** enough time to finish your writing assignment.

### Any body, anybody, any one, and anyone

Word	any body	anybody	any one	anyone
<b>Definition</b>	a noun phrase referring to an arbitrary body.	any person or group.	any person at all.	any single object or person.

**Any body** is a noun phrase referring to an arbitrary body.

- Example: **Any body** in space can be mistaken for a planet.
- Example: Although we searched the area, we couldn't find **any body**.

**Anybody** is an indefinite pronoun referring to an unspecified person.

- Example: I didn't know **anybody** at the library.
- Example: **Anybody** is welcome to come to the picnic today.

**Any one** emphasizes singularity and means any single person or thing.

- Example: My mother took me to the candy store and told me I could have **any one** I wanted.
- Example: The school only allows for students to attend one class at **any one** time.

**Anyone** is an indefinite pronoun that refers to an unspecified person.

- Example: It is hard to find **anyone** who thinks that leaving their door unlocked is a good idea.
- Example: Has **anyone** seen my backpack?

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