

40 Adding “-ever” to question words

Adding “-ever” to question words changes their meaning. These new words modify the question words to mean “no matter” or “it doesn’t matter.”

⚙️ **New language** Words with “-ever”

Aa **Vocabulary** Chance and weather phrases

🧩 **New skill** Joining a clause to a sentence

40.1 KEY LANGUAGE QUESTION WORDS WITH “-EVER”

You can use “-ever” words as subjects, objects, or adverbs in their own clauses. They can also be used to join a clause to the rest of a sentence.



I’m still going to the game, **whatever** the weather’s like.

[It doesn’t matter what the weather is like. I’m still going.]



We can take a taxi or walk, **whichever** you prefer.

[It doesn’t matter to me which you choose, taxi or walking.]

Here, “whichever” is an object.



Whoever invented the umbrella was a very clever person indeed.

[I don’t know who invented the umbrella, but they were very clever.]

Here, “whoever” is a subject.



It always seems to rain **whenever** I go away.

[Any time I go away, it rains.]



I always check the forecast for **wherever** I’m going to be.

[I check the forecast for the place I am going to be, no matter where it is.]



If there’s a chance of rain, **however** small, I’ll take an umbrella.

[I’ll take an umbrella, no matter how small the risk of rain.]

Here, “however” is an adverb.





40.2 CROSS OUT THE INCORRECT WORD IN EACH SENTENCE

~~Whoever~~ / **Whatever** choice you make, you know we'll support you.






- 1 Buy red or green peppers, **however** / ~~whichever~~ is the cheapest.
- 2 She moves every few years to ~~wherever~~ / **whatever** her company asks her to go.
- 3 I love going to concerts and watching live music, **whenever** / ~~whoever~~ is playing.
- 4 My mother never likes my brother's girlfriends, **however** / ~~whoever~~ nice they are.
- 5 The company director visits our office **whenever** / ~~wherever~~ she's in town.
- 6 The competition winner deserves praise, **however** / ~~whoever~~ they are.
- 7 The company is in a difficult situation, **whichever** / **however** way you look at it.



40.3 FILL IN THE GAPS USING THE WORDS IN THE PANEL



I'm happy to go wherever you like for a vacation, as long as there's a beach.

- 1  She's an excellent cook. I'm sure _____ cake I choose will be delicious.
- 2  Sometimes I just can't start my car _____ I do. It's really frustrating.
- 3  I don't think I'll ever be a good long-distance runner, _____ hard I try.
- 4  During the winter months, we can visit the castle for free _____ we want.
- 5  I will give my full support to the next head chef, _____ it is.

whatever

whichever

whoever

whenever

~~wherever~~

however





40.4 READ THE EMAIL AND WRITE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS AS FULL SENTENCES



To: Eleri Roberts

Subject: Update from home

Hi Eleri, I hope you're having a great time in Chile! I've had an unusual week here. I got an email saying that I'd won a competition for two free bungee jumps. It was a bit of a bolt from the blue because I'd completely forgotten that I'd even entered the competition!

I was on cloud nine, so I told my sister. I thought she would be overjoyed like me, but she was so moody! You know what she's like, always wanting to get all the attention and trying to steal my thunder. Well, I asked her if she'd do it with me. I thought it would be really funny because she hates heights.

The jump was all planned for Thursday, but as I was driving to her house, she sent me a text message saying that she had the flu and so would have to take a rain check. I thought this was a bit odd because she was as right as rain the night before.

Anyway, I had already decided that I was doing this jump come rain or shine, so I went without her. I jumped off the canal bridge. It was absolutely awesome! So now I'm just going to throw caution to the wind and do a sky dive next year. I already can't wait!

Matt



Where is Eleri at the moment?

At the moment, Eleri is in Chile.

① Why was the email from the adventure activity company a surprise?

② Why wasn't Matt's sister happy about his prize?

③ Why did Matt's sister say that she couldn't do the bungee jump?

④ Where did Matt do the bungee jump?

⑤ What is Matt planning to do next year?

- 1 She's feeling good and healthy this morning.
- 2 She looks extremely happy this morning.
- 3 Do it and don't worry about the consequences.
- 4 Maybe you should accept the offer at a later date.
- 5 You're always trying to take attention away from me.
- 6 That news is a great surprise.
- 7 It's going to take place whatever happens.
- 8 Go on. Throw caution to the wind.
- 9 She's feeling right as rain this morning.
- 10 You're constantly trying to steal my thunder.
- 11 The party's happening come rain or shine.
- 12 She seems to be on cloud nine this morning.
- 13 Perhaps you should take a rain check.
- 14 Wow! That's a bolt from the blue.



40 CHECKLIST

Words with "-ever" ☐
 Chance and weather phrases ☐
 Joining a clause to a sentence ☐

REVIEW THE ENGLISH YOU HAVE LEARNED IN UNITS 37-40

NEW LANGUAGE	SAMPLE SENTENCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	UNIT
PAST POSSIBILITY	The printer isn't working. It might have run out of paper.	<input type="checkbox"/>	37.1
REPORTED SPEECH	He said that he didn't believe those ghost stories.	<input type="checkbox"/>	37.4
SPECULATION AND DEDUCTION	Aliens might have taken him to another planet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	38.1
MIXED CONDITIONALS	If you had been born a month earlier, you would be a Virgo like me.	<input type="checkbox"/>	39.1
ADDING "-EVER" TO QUESTION WORDS	I'm still going to the game, whatever the weather's like.	<input type="checkbox"/>	40.1