

Whoever, whatever, whenever, wherever – Pronouns / Adverbs

These words are used to express when it doesn't matter who, what, when, where, etc., and anyone, anything, anytime and anywhere.

Form:

Wh-ever + subject + verb or Wh-ever + verb

1. **Whoever** = used for people when their identity is not yet known:

Whoever wins the election is going to have a difficult job getting the economy back on its feet.

Used to indicate that the actual identify of the person who does something will not affect a situation:

I can't stand Reggaton, **whoever** is performing it.

Used in questions as a way of saying strongly 'who', usually when you are surprised about something:

That's just crazy! **Whoever** suggested such a thing?

2. **Whatever** = used with nouns (things) to refer to anything or everything, that something is the case in all circumstances:

Jose is good at **whatever** he does.
She runs about 15km a day **whatever** the weather.

3. **Whenever** = time

Used to refer to any time or every time that something happens or is true:

She always went to La Vina for lunch whenever she was downtown.

I get really angry whenever I see someone dropping litter in the street.

Used to refer to a time that you do not know or are not sure about:

Pedro got married in 2008, or whenever it was.

4. **Wherever** = used for place to indicate that something happens or is true in any place or situation, when you indicate that you do not know where a place is or in questions to make a point:

I enjoy myself **wherever** I am.

Wherever is the bank? I can't find it on the map.

Wherever have you been?

Exercises:

a. Complete these sentences with whoever, whatever, whenever, wherever:

_____ you do, don't tell them you've lost your job.

_____ I think of the dentist it makes me feel really anxious.

_____ discovers a cure for cancer will be very famous.

The government is stopping the funding for the research, _____ the discoveries they've made.

I don't believe the findings in that report _____ the authors are.

_____ I see operations on the TV it turns me right off having surgery.

b. Complete these sentences using the phrases below:

- deserves to earn \$1 million a year.
- always drinks bottled water.
- the rate of divorce in my country.
- can't escape the effects of air pollution.
- see pictures of starving children.
- I can find it.

Whenever I _____ I have to turn the TV off.

You _____ wherever you live.

No-one _____ whoever they are.

Whatever _____ I still want to get married.

I try to eat healthy food whenever _____ .

I _____ wherever I'm travelling.