Words ending with -ever: whatever, whoever, whenever...

The suffix -ever can be added to the words in wh- and how to change their meaning. These compound words then express a general value.

Whatever

- Whatever dish you choose, you have to eat it all.
- Take whatever you want from the fridge if you feel hungry.
- Whatever you do, try your best.

Whatever is sometimes used alone orally: it means 'I don't care', 'It doesn't matter to me':

- What do you want to eat tonight? - Whatever.

Whenever

- Come and visit us whenever you want.
- He interrupts me whenever I start to speak.
- You can borrow my car whenever you like.
- We can leave whenever you're ready.

However

- However tired I am, I work out every day.
- However you try to explain it, I still can't understand it.
- However you look at it, it's going to cost a lot.

Wherever

- Put the book wherever you want.
- Sit down wherever you like.
- Wherever we go, we'll have fun.

Whichever

With whichever we propose to choose between several things:

- Keep whichever you like.
- Choose whichever you prefer.
- Whichever day you come, we will be happy to see you.

Whoever

It means 'any person':

- You can call whoever you want.
- Whoever you are, you'll love this song.
- Whoever opened the gate didn't close it.
- Could I speak to whoever is in charge of customer service please?