

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?