

- not so much + adjective + as + adjective:

They weren't **so much dissatisfied** with their city break **as frustrated**.

I was **not so much impressed** with the design of the house we stayed in **as moved** by the hospitality of our hosts.

- adjective + rather than + adjective:

The atmosphere in my favourite restaurant in Istanbul was **cosmopolitan rather than Turkish**.

The goods sold on the market in the town centre looked **tacky and touristy rather than authentic**.

- Complete the review of a youth hostel with one word in each gap.



Fantastic place to stay!

We spent five days at this wonderful youth hostel on a school residential trip and loved every minute. I came with a group of twenty students from Kings High School. On arrival, we received a warm welcome that seemed quite genuine rather ¹ ? just professional.

We had clean and comfortable shared rooms with very comfy beds. As expected with a youth hostel, the food was ² ? basic than exquisite, but the puddings were unanimously voted 'delicious'. In fact, they got better ³ ? better each day. Our favourite – sticky toffee pudding!

The best aspect of the hostel was its games room, a kind of cave under the hostel. The sort of space little boys dream of, like Batman's lair. The only drawback for our teacher was that the more time we spent in there, ⁴ ? more difficult it was to drag us out!

The staff were really friendly and were all prepared to go the extra mile to make our stay comfortable.

All in all, it was such a great experience ⁵ ? we are looking forward to paying a return visit next year!

- Complete the second sentence using the word in capitals so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use between three and five words in each gap.

- We made the unanimous decision to call off our trip at the last minute because it was so dangerous. **SUCH**
It was ? we made the unanimous decision to call it off at the last minute.
- If you wait longer, it will be harder to find a reasonably priced ticket to Thailand. **THE**
The longer you wait, ? to find a reasonably priced ticket to Thailand.
- I suppose you can say that the weather we had for the first fortnight was more damp than wet. **RATHER**
I suppose you can say that the weather we had for the first fortnight was ? .
- Our disappointment with the services provided by the tour operator was increasing all the time. **DISAPPOINTED**
We were getting ? with the services provided by the tour operator.

Words and phrases with ever

Words with -ever

We can add -ever to *who, what, which, how, where* and *when*. We use these words in the following ways:

- to emphasise that it doesn't matter how long/difficult something is, etc. or it isn't important what happens, what you do etc., as it doesn't change the situation:

There will be a lot of traffic **whatever** route we take.

(= it doesn't matter what route we take)

Whatever people say, I still believe you.

(= it doesn't matter what people say)

We have to finish, **however** long it takes.

(= it doesn't matter how long it takes)

However hard I try, I can't understand what he is saying!

(= even though I try very hard)

However much it costs to get there, we have to visit Sri Lanka.

(= even if it costs a lot)

Whoever thinks climate change isn't happening need only visit the shrinking glaciers. (= any person who thinks this, it doesn't matter who exactly)

Whichever day you come, we'll show you around the town. (= it doesn't matter which day you come)

The difference between *whichever* and *whatever* is similar to that between *which* and *what*. *Whichever* is used when referring to a choice from among a restricted set of options, whereas *whatever* refers to a choice from a lot of things or an infinite number of things.

- to emphasise a lack of restriction:

We can leave **whenever** you are ready. (= at any time)

Whenever I hear that tune, I think of you. (= every time)

We use recycled materials **whenever** possible. (= on every possible occasion)

Today people can watch **whatever** (= anything that) they want **whenever** (= any time) they want.

Do **whatever** you think best. (= anything)

Whatever equipment you need will be supplied. (= any)

We are willing to pay **whatever** price you ask. (= any price)

Sit **wherever** you like. (= anywhere)

You can travel by plane, train or boat, **whichever** method you prefer. (= any/either method)

- in questions to emphasise that you are surprised, confused or slightly angry about something:

Whoever would have thought he'd win top prize?

Whatever is the matter with you?

Wherever did I put my bag?

Whenever are we going to arrive?

However did you get here so soon?

- as short answers (in informal speech):

'I'll call you tomorrow or the day after.'

'OK, **whenever**.' (= whenever you like)

'Do you fancy going to the cinema or to the theatre?'

'**Whichever**.' (= I don't mind)