

- in informal style:

Or *whatever* is used after a suggestion/example/list, etc. to mean 'or anything similar':

Use *dill, basil* **or whatever other herbs you have/or whatever**.

Or *whenever/or whoever* are used to mean 'it doesn't matter':

When you've read the book, just give it to Susan **or Tom or whoever**.

Or *wherever* is used to mean 'any place/not a specific place':

Londoners dress more individually than people in Paris **or wherever**.

- as a reply indicating a reluctance to discuss something, often implying indifference or disrespect (only *whatever*):

'It's about time to start planning our next holiday.'

'Yeah, **whatever**.'

Phrases with ever

We can form phrases with *ever* in the following ways:

- in compound expressions with adjectives (e.g. *ever-present, ever-younger*) and the present participle (e.g. *ever-hoping, ever-loving, ever-increasing*) to mean *always, all the time*:

The **ever-increasing** traffic volume leads to increases in travel times, fuel consumption and environmental pollution. My older sister loves camping and often gives in to her **ever-present** travel bug.

- in the expressions *ever so* and *ever such* in very informal English to mean *very*:

We use *ever so* before an adjective or an adverb.

My travel companion is **ever so knowledgeable** about places of interest in Rome.

I got more and more annoyed as the traffic moved **ever so slowly**.

We use *ever such* before a noun (with or without an adjective):

He's **ever such a good travel guide**.

The couple we met while travelling on our gap year were **ever such nice people**.

She's still **ever such a little baby**.

- in the expression *as ever* to mean 'as always happens', 'the same as usual':

As ever, Robert went his own way and did his own thing. (= he always does it)

My brother, **as ever**, left the packing till the very last minute. (= as always)

As ever, our trip proved a highly enjoyable and unforgettable experience. (= the same as usual)

- with comparatives and superlatives to give emphasis:

The restored medieval fortress looks **more spectacular than ever**.

Many songs on their new record are weird and **quirkier than ever**.

Iconic scenery, exotic food and a bit of adventure have made for my **best ever** holiday.

Last year's annual survey into holiday habits was **the largest ever** carried out in Britain.

- 1 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.

1 Some people think mass tourism is a good thing, but they are deluding themselves. **WHOEVER**

_____ has been entirely beneficial is deluding themselves.

2 It doesn't matter what tour operators claim, tourism rarely benefits the local community. **WHATEVER**

_____, tourism rarely benefits the local community.

3 Some people consider it good news that package holidays are becoming cheaper all the time. **EVER**
Some people consider it good news that package holidays _____.

4 No matter where tourists go, they cause land, food, water, housing and infrastructure prices to increase.

WHEREVER

_____, they cause land, food, water, housing and infrastructure prices to increase.

5 No matter which form of transport tourists use to travel abroad, their collective carbon footprint is huge.

WHICHEVER

_____ tourists use to travel abroad, their collective carbon footprint is huge.

6 Although we all love holidays in nature, we should remember that tourism can easily destroy it. **MUCH**

_____ holidays in nature, we should remember that tourism can easily destroy it.

7 As always, many careless tourists left rubbish behind and damaged local flora. **EVER**

Many _____, left rubbish behind and damaged local flora.

8 Even though it is a very difficult issue to tackle, we must think of alternatives to mass tourism. **EVER**

Even though it is _____ to tackle, we must think of alternatives to mass tourism.

9 No matter how many dollars it generates in revenue, the current system of international tourism is unsustainable.

HOWEVER

_____ in revenue, the current system of international tourism is unsustainable.

10 While it may take a long time, a way must be found to manage tourism before it destroys the environment.

HOWEVER

_____, a way must be found to manage tourism before it destroys the environment.

11 The attitudes towards tourism and nature conservation are changing very slowly. **EVER**

The attitudes towards tourism and nature conservation _____.

12 Tourism has an impact on local communities in Europe, Asia or in any place. **WHEREVER**

Tourism has an impact on local communities in _____.