

## Emphatic Connectives

*Who, what, which, whose, when, where, how + ever.* They are all written as single words, *whoever, whatever*, etc. And usually pronounced with stress on the first syllable of *ever*. Note that *whoever's* is usually preferred to *whosever*. There are two main uses in modern English.

- (1) **IN THE SENSE** 'it doesn't matter who, which, when, etc.

Whoever says that is a liar.

I'll sell it to whoever arrives first.

Eat whatever you like.

I'll do whatever you tell me to.

We were warmly welcomed wherever we went.

We shall be pleased to see you whenever you care to call

Learn whichever poem you find most interesting.

The three of them agreed that whichever (whoever) arrived first should save seats for the others two.

The simple pronoun *what* can usually replace *whatever* (as in the examples marked\*); *who* and *which* are no longer used in this way in modern English.

- (2) **PARENTHETICALLY** (suggesting ignorance or indifference).

I'll give the pen back to John or Henry, or whoever it belongs to.

I'll come at 10 or 10:30. or whenever I can get there.

### Add the appropriate *ever* form to the following:

1 – one of us has got to pay for it, it won't be me.

2 Take – much you want and – you want to.

3 – smashed my glasses shall pay for them, - he's hidde himself

4 Take this bag, basket or – it is, and hang it up – you can find room for it.

5 – I stay in Brighton, or – else I stay on the south coast, I'm sure to meet that school – teacher fellow Robinson or Robertson or – his name is.

6 – quickly I dry myself after a bath, I always catch – variety of cold there is going.

7 Please take – one you want and bring it back – you like.

8- told you to keep off meat was quite right; I think you should go on doing – he tells you to.

9 Of course you can dance with – you like, but don't expect me to introduce you to the glamorous Laura, Lorna or – her name is.

10 I'll come – I can I'll bring – you like with me.

11 Eat – one you like and leave the others for – comes in later.

12 – told you that Maisie wears a ginger wig is an out – and – out liar, - you may care to say in his favour.

13 Well I must say this hat fits me, - it is; I nearly always find a substitute – I lose my own.

14 – it is you've found, you must give it back to – it belongs to.

15 – I try to cook anything, the steak or chop (or- it mat be) is never quite to the liking of – has to eat it.

16 – one of you children disturbs me again, I shall punish severely, - it may be. You always make a noise – I try to do my work.

17 – the weather, we go hiking at the weekend with – likes to join us.

18 - she does an exercise she makes mistakes, - hard she tries.

19 – has time this afternoon, will they please pick some roses, or – there is in the garden, for the table.

20 – travels will find there's no place like home, - he may go; - humble it may be, there will be a yearning in his heart – he thinks of it.