

ever[ˈevə] *adv***1. когда-либо; когда бы то ни было**

the best film we ever saw - лучший фильм, который мы когда-либо видели

have we ever met before? - мы с вами когда-нибудь раньше встречались?

hardly /scarcely/ ever - почти никогда, очень редко

he is seldom if ever a visitor - он бывает редко, можно сказать, почти не бывает

not then or ever - ни тогда, ни после

foxes are seldom if ever tamed - лисицы, если и становятся ручными, то очень редко

more than ever before - более чем когда-либо (раньше)

as good as ever - не хуже, чем раньше

the argument is as convincing as ever - аргумент не потерял своей убедительности

2. всегда, вечно

for ever - навсегда, навеки

for ever and ever - а) на вечные времена; б) *церк.* во веки веков

pedants will ever be carping - педанты вечно придираются /никогда не перестанут придираться/

Shakespeare will ever be a great poet - Шекспир останется великим поэтом во все времена

3. эмоц.-усил.**1) в вопросительных и восклицательных предложениях:**

who ever can it be? - да кто же это (может быть)?

who ever would have thought it! - кто бы мог (это) подумать!, кому бы это могло прийти в голову?!

did you ever? - *разг.* неужели?, слышали ли вы что-либо подобное?

where ever did I put my glasses? - куда же это я девал свои очки?

why ever didn't you ask them? - так почему же вы их не спросили?

as if he would ever do such a thing! - (как) будто он на это способен!

2) в сравнительных оборотах:

I shall do it as soon as I ever can - я сделаю это как только смогу /при первой возможности/

run as fast as ever you can - беги как можно быстрее

she is as good a girl as ever was - на свете не сыщешь девочки лучше неё

he works as well as ever a man could - лучше него работать просто невозможно

3) в отрицательных предложениях никогда

did you love him? - Not ever - вы его любили? - Нет, никогда

no man can ever understand you - никто никогда вас не сможет понять

nobody has ever done this before - этого никто никогда раньше не делал

I do not think we have ever met - мы, кажется, никогда не встречались

nothing ever happens in our village - в нашей деревушке никогда ничего не случается

4. эмоц.-усил. очень, чрезвычайно

he is ever such a rich man - он очень богатый человек, он баснословно богат

ever so - очень, чрезвычайно; гораздо, намного

this road is ever so much shorter - эта дорога гораздо короче

he is ever so strong - он настоящий силач

he has ever so many friends - у него масса друзей

I like him ever so much - он мне очень нравится /очень по душе/

be the weather ever so bad ... - как бы ни была плоха погода ...

I waited ever so long - я ждал бесконечно долго /целую вечность/

thank you ever so much - большое вам спасибо, очень вам благодарен

5. в сочетаниях:

ever after - с тех пор (и до конца)

they married and lived happily ever after - они поженились и были счастливы всю жизнь

ever since - с тех (самых) пор, с того времени

I've known him ever since he was a boy - я знаю его с самого детства

ever and again, ever and anon - а) время от времени; б) то и дело, поминутно

◇ yours ever, ever yours - всегда ваш, преданный вам (*перед подписью в конце письма*)for ever and a day - *шутл.* на всегда, навеки**ever**

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ever *BrE* [ˈevə(ɪ)] ^m *NAmE* [ˈevəɪ] ^m **adverb****1. used in negative sentences and questions, or sentences with if to mean 'at any time'**

- Nothing ever happens here.
- Don't you ever get tired?
- If you're ever in Miami, come and see us.
- 'Have you ever thought of changing your job?' 'No, never/No I haven't.'
- 'Have you ever been to Rome?' 'Yes, I have, actually. Not long ago.'
- She **hardly ever** (= almost never) goes out.
- We see them very seldom, **if ever** .
- (*informal*) I'll **never ever** do that again!

2. used for emphasis when you are comparing things

- It was raining harder than ever.
- It's my **best ever** score.

- 3. (rather formal) all the time or every time; always
 - Paul, everthe optimist, agreed to try again.
 - She married the prince and they **lived happily ever after** .
 - He said he would love her **for ever (and ever)** .
 - Their debts grew everlarger (= kept increasing) .
 - the ever-growingproblem
 - an ever-presentdanger
- 4. used after when, why, etc. to show that you are surprised or shocked
 - Why everdid you agree?

Idioms: ↑all somebody everdoes is ... ▪ ↑did you ever! ▪ ↑eversince ▪ ↑ever so such a ▪ ↑if everthere was ▪ ↑is somebody ever! ▪ ↑yours everyours

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ev ɪər S1 W1 /'evə \$ 'evər BrE ^ɪ AmE ^ɪ adverb

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1. a word meaning at any time; used mostly in questions, negatives, comparisons, or sentences with 'if':
 - Nothing ever seems to upset him.
 - Have you ever been to Paris?
 - I don't think I've ever been here before.
 - If you're ever in Seattle, come and see me.
2. **formal** always:
 - Ever optimistic, I decided to take the exam again.
3. **hardly ever** not very often:
 - We hardly ever go out.
4. **never ever** *spoken* never:
 - You neverevery offer to help!
5. **for ever** for all time:
 - Nothing lasts for ever.
6. **as ever** as always happens:
 - As ever, Joe was late.
7. **ever since** continuously since:
 - My back has been bad ever since I fell and hurt it two years ago.
8. **ever after** for all time after something:
 - I suppose they'll get married and live happily ever after.
9. **hotter/colder/better etc than ever** even hotter etc than before:
 - Last night's show was better than ever.
10. **as friendly/cheerful/miserable etc as ever** as friendly etc as someone or something usually is:
 - George was as miserable as ever.
 - The food was as bad as ever!
11. **ever so cold/wet/nice etc** *British English spoken* very cold, wet etc:
 - The assistant was ever so helpful.
 - Thanks ever so much.
12. **ever such a** *British English* used to emphasize what someone or something is like:
 - She's ever such a nice girl.
13. **ever-increasing/ever-present etc** increasing, present etc all the time:
 - the ever-increasing problem of drugs in the inner cities
14. **Yours ever/ Ever yours** *informal* used at the end of a letter above the signature
15. **if ever there was one** *informal* used to say that someone or something is a typical example of something:
 - He's a natural comedian if ever there was one.

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