

## 9A Whenever and wherever contrasted with when and where

If **whenever**, **wherever**, **when**, and **where** are followed by subject + **be** + adjective / past participle, the subject and **be** are often deleted. This occurs mainly in formal speech and writing.

Pet owners must take their pets to the vet **whenever / when** taking them is advisable.

Laws concerning the welfare of helper animals should be enforced **wherever / where** applicable.

**Whenever** and **wherever** can have the meaning “no matter when / where.”

A: My dog doesn't like it when I give her a bath at night.

B: Mine doesn't like it **whenever** I give him a bath!

**Whenever** and **wherever** can also have the meaning “although I don't know when / where.”

We'll have to get together on his birthday, **whenever** that is!

Their dog was found in a park outside of Hicksville, **wherever** that is!

**Whenever** and **wherever** are rarely used following the focus adverbs **even**, **just**, **right**, and **only**.

**When** and **where** are often used instead.

My cats show me affection **even when** I'm in a bad mood.

Elephants will survive in the wild **only where** they are protected from illegal hunting.

**1** Shorten the sentences by crossing out the subject and the form of **be** in the adverbial clause.

1. Pets need to be given attention every day, not just when ~~giving them~~ attention is convenient.
2. Dog owners are expected to use leashes to walk their dogs where using those items is required by law.
3. My veterinarian suggested that I buy Barkies brand dog food when Barkies brand is available.
4. Whenever disciplining them is appropriate, owners of intelligent animals must be prepared to discipline their pets.
5. Exotic animals may not be kept as pets wherever keeping such pets is prohibited by law.

**2** Review the grammar rules on page 71. Complete the sentences with **when**, **whenever**, **where**, or **wherever**. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

1. When my dog ran out of the yard this morning, I called his name, but he kept on running.
2.                   somebody walks past my house, my dog growls at him or her.
3. The insect looked so much like a leaf that I didn't notice it even                   I looked right at it.
4.                   we used to live, the landlord would let tenants have as many pets as they wanted.
5. The sign says that this parrot is from the Kakamega Forest,                   that is!
6. Over the course of the year,                   I visited her apartment, she seemed to have added another cat. By spring, she had at least five.