

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.

- Pets need to be given attention every day, not just when ~~giving them attention is~~ convenient.
- Dog owners are expected to use leashes to walk their dogs where using those items is required by law.
- My veterinarian suggested that I buy Barkies brand dog food when Barkies brand is available.
- Whenever disciplining them is appropriate, owners of intelligent animals must be prepared to discipline their pets.
- 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.

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