
'NO MATTER'

*True in every situation -
no matter what happens!*

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**No matter =
It doesn't matter**

But 'no matter' gives a stronger, more certain feeling

The Structure:

No matter
+
who / whose / what / which / where / when / why / how
+
clause

e.g. No matter **who** helps you, make sure you say thank you.

e.g. No matter **whose** mistake it is, we'll fix it together.

e.g. No matter **what** you decide, I'll support your choice.

e.g. No matter **which** road we take, we'll end up at the same place.

e.g. No matter **where** she goes, she always finds a friend.

e.g. No matter **when** you call, I'll answer the phone.

e.g. No matter **why** you're upset, I'm here to listen.

e.g. No matter **how** cold it gets, he still goes jogging.

Tenses:

- 1) We use the **present tense** after 'no matter' when talking about **general truths or habits**
- 2) We use **the future tense** in the next clause when it refers to the **future**.

*e.g. No matter where you work, I **visit** you on Fridays. (habit)*

*e.g. No matter where you work, I **will visit** you on Fridays. (future promise)*

Reversing the Clauses:

When we use *'no matter'*, we can reverse the two clauses —
and the meaning stays the same

e.g. No matter which restaurant you choose, I'll be happy.

e.g. I'll be happy, no matter which restaurant you choose.

e.g. It doesn't matter which restaurant you choose. I'll be happy.

No Matter + That:

We can also use '*no matter that*' to show that something isn't important or won't affect the situation.

e.g. No matter that we're late, the show hasn't started yet.

e.g. No matter that you don't have your book, you can share mine.

No Matter What:

In everyday English, we often use no matter what at the end of a sentence to show determination or commitment

e.g. I'll finish this project, no matter what.

e.g. We'll stay friends, no matter what happens.

e.g. I'll be there on time, no matter what.

Quick Recap:

- No matter + relative pronoun + clause = 'It doesn't matter...'
- It means something is always true, whatever the situation.
- You can use '*no matter*' + *who, whose, what, which, where, when, why, how, or that*.
- You can also swap the order of the two clauses.
- '*No matter that*' = isn't important /won't affect the situation.
- And '*no matter what*' is great for showing determination!