

EVER

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**Where ever
have you been?**

I've been worried sick about you!



QUESTION WORD + EVER

We use ever in questions beginning with words such as 'why,' 'when,' and 'who' when we want to emphasize our surprise, shock, anger, irritation or astonishment.

- How ever did he manage that?
- What ever have you done to him?
- Where ever did you put my keys?
- Who ever does he think he is?
- Why ever didn't you tell me?

Which and Whose are not used in this way.

- Whose idea was it?
(NOT: Whose ever idea was it?)

NOTE : The question words and “**ever**” in this structure are written as two separate words in order to avoid confusion with the following pronouns and adverbs :

However : no matter how

Whatever : no matter what

Whenever : no matter when

Wherever : no matter where

Whoever : no matter who

Whomever : no matter whom