

ever : for emphasis

We sometimes use **ever** to give emotive emphasis to what we are saying as an indication that we feel very strongly about it . Thus, in speech, **ever** receives strong word stress:

- Don't **ever** do that again!
- If I **ever** catch you fiddling your expenses claims again, you'll be sacked.

We also use **ever** in questions to emphasize the question word:

- What **ever** have you done? (*dissatisfaction, anger*)
What have you done? It's not what I expected.
- How **ever** did you do that? (*surprise, admiration*)
How did you do that? I am amazed.
- Why **ever** didn't you tell him? (*surprise, disappointment*)
Why didn't you tell him? It was expected of you.
- When **ever** are you going to finish? (*dissatisfaction, anger*)
When are you going to finish? You haven't finished yet and that annoys me.

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