

1. **No matter what** Spring Level 2

What's something you do no matter how busy you are?

A) **No matter how** busy I am, I **make sure to** watch couple of movies every month.

It's kind of my thing. It's the best way for me to **unwind**. **Whenever** I get really busy, I watch the movies on my smartphone **on my way to** work and back.

B) **Whenever** I take a trip somewhere, I **make sure to** buy some souvenirs for my family and friends. It's kind of **my thing**. I want to share my experience with them so bringing back a souvenirs **let me do** that. When I give them a souvenir, they are more **willing to** listen to my stories.

What's something you've made up your mind about?

C) I **made up my mind** to travel to Europe on my own. I've **always wanted to** do it but I never had the chance. **It's not really my thing** to travel alone but I heard my friend's experience and it **made me want to** do it too. That's how I made up my mind to give it a shot!

What are you determined to do this year?

D) This year, I'm really **determined to** lose weight. I **hate to say** it but I have a very weak **will**. I always **end up** giving up on my diet. But **this time it's different**. I feel I have a very **strong will** this time. I told my friends that and they said let's just **wait and see**. I was a bit angry when they said that but I couldn't really **blame** them because I've never **kept my word**.

A
No matter how ... 例えどんなに、でも

*No matter what. 何が何でも

*No matter when... 例えいつであっても、

It's my thing. 自分が好んでいる

***It's not my thing.** 自分が好んでいない

I make sure to... 必ずする

unwind くつろぐ

on my way to... ~に行く途中

B
Whenever... ~する時はいつでも

let me do. 許される

willing to... ~に前向きである

C
I made up my mind to... 心を決めた

I've always wanted to.. 前からしたかった

made me want to... したい気持ちになった

D
I'm determined to... ~すると決断している

I hate to say it... 言にくいけど

weak will 弱い意思

strong will 強い意思

end up 結局~になる

this time it's different 今回は違う

wait and see 様子を見る

I couldn't blame them 彼らのせいではない

kept my word 約束を守る

語群から言葉を選び適切な空欄に入れましょう。

1. _____ what time it is, you can call me.
2. _____ I see her, she always talks about her dog.
3. I _____ my mind to ask her out.
4. I'm _____ to get a raise and promotion this year.
5. Dark chocolate is not _____.
6. Every year I tried to lose weight but I couldn't. This _____.

my thing / time is different / determined / no matter / whenever / made up

Grammar Focus

It's (not) my thing

興味がある、得意であることを言います。否定はその反対で興味がない、得意ではないことです。どちらかというとな否定で使う方が多いです。肯定で使う場合、my kind of thing というのが多いです。

Jazz is my kind of thing.
Karaoke is not my thing.
Traveling alone is not my thing.

No matter...

No matter の後には疑問詞がきます。意味は「～に関係なく」「たとえ～だとしても」です。状況は「ここは、譲れない!」とか「何があっても」と言った場合用います。

No matter what... たとえなんでも、何が～しようとも
No matter where... たとえどこでも、どこで～しようとも

EX.

No matter what my father says, I'll marry him.
No matter where I go, I take my cell phone with me.

Whatever, wherever, whenever.

whatever, wheneverはno matter what と no matter when に似た表現です。置き換えも可能です。

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2. Would you? Spring Level 2

Would you date someone much older or younger?

A) **I wouldn't** date someone too young. I don't think we'll **have** anything **in common**. Also, some young people can be really **childish**. I usually look for someone who's more **mature** than me. So, I guess I would date someone a little older. I don't know if I could date someone much older. **Only if**, he's really rich. I'm only half joking about that.

Would you invest your money in stocks or real estates?

B) **I would if I could**. **The fact is** I don't have enough money to **invest**. I'm **barely getting by** right now. I have a friend who's into investing. He made a lot of money doing it. He drives a **fancy** car and **dines** at expensive restaurants. He lives on the top floor of a **classy** apartment. I wish I had that kind of lifestyle. I'm always eating at Yoshinoya and live in a studio apartment. **What a big difference**.

Would you have dinner that cost ¥20,000 yen?

C) **I would, only if someone treated me**. I would never have such an expensive dinner **on my own**. There's a restaurant that I know called Hamma in Roppongi. They **serve top notch** Wagyu beef. It's teppanyaki style. My friend goes there **on special occasions** and he told me that it's a **must-try**. Actually, he told me the dinner came out to be ¥30,000! **I can't afford** that!

D) Actually, **I've tried having dinner** at such a **classy** restaurant. It was the day that I proposed to my wife. I made a reservation at the **classiest** restaurant in our city. The dinner was close to ¥50,000 **per** person. I said to myself, **what the hell** since I I'm only going to propose once. It turned out to be a great dinner. Fortunately, my wife said yes. I think the **fancy** dinner helped.

A		C	
I wouldn't....	私はしないだろう	I would	するであろう
I would...	私はするだろう	on my own	自分だけで
have in common	共通点がある	serve	(食事を)出す
childish	子供っぽい	top notch	最高
mature	大人っぽい	on special occasion	特別な機会
Only if...	~の場合限りに	must-try	試すべき
B		I can't afford it	~する余裕がない
I would if I could	できたらする	D	
The fact is...	事実は	classy	品がある
invest	投資	classiest	最も品がある
barely	ギリギリ、かろうじて	per	~につき
getting by	なんとかやっている	what the hell	とういことではない
fancy / classy	豪華	fancy	高級でオシャレ
dine	食事する		
What a big difference	なんて大きな差だ		

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1. If I were you, I _____ do that.
2. My wife and I have a lot _____.
3. _____ I became a millionaire, I would buy a Ferrari.
4. I _____ passed the test.
5. There's a big _____ between gold medal and silver medal.

difference / Only if / barely / in common / wouldn't

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Extra Questions

- Would you pick up a hitchhiker?
- Would you live abroad if you had a chance?
- Would you try coloring your hair green?
- Would try camping out for a week?
- Would you be a YOUTUBER?
- Would you buy a second home if you could?
- Would you try Extreme sports like bungee jumping?
- Would you start your own business?