

## Regardless of / No matter

### Sentence Pattern:

***Regardless of [embedded question], [sentence]***

***No matter [embedded question], [sentence]***

An “embedded question” is like a question that is inside a sentence. Embedded questions begin with question words (*who/what/when/where/why/how/which*).

### Examples:

- My father never likes my boyfriends, **regardless of who they are**.
- **No matter how hard I try**, my parents never seem satisfied with my grades.
- **Regardless of why you are late**, you are in big trouble.
- **No matter why everyone hates Jon**, I still feel sorry for him.
- You can always call me, **no matter how late it is**.

**Note:** With this sentence pattern, you need to be careful. You are not actually asking a question when you use [what/when/where/why/how/which], so you need to be careful with the order of the words:

- No matter **why are you late...** (Wrong!)
- No matter **why you are late...** (Right!)
- No matter **how hard do I try...** (Wrong!)
- No matter **how hard I try...** (Right!)

**Rewrite the sentences below using “no matter” or “regardless of”. The first one is done for you.**  
(See page 79 for sample answers.)

1. I can work very hard, but my father doesn't care how hard I work. He just wants me to get good grades.

Regardless of how hard I work, my father just wants me to get good grades. \_\_\_\_\_

2. It's not important how old you are - it is still important to exercise.

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3. I don't know who my teacher is, but I'm sure it will be a good class.

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4. You can call me anytime – I don't care how late it is.

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