

**whether**1. ['weðə] *n* *арх.*

один из двух; любой из двух

considering all the whys and whethers - принимая во внимание все вопросы и сомнения

2. ['weðə] *pron* *арх.*

А *inter*

который из двух?, который из нескольких?

whether is heavier, water or oil? - что тяжелее, вода или масло?

whether of these men ...? - который из них ...?

Б *indef*

любой из двух

put the wine into glasses or pots, whether you have - налей вино в стаканы или кружки, что есть под рукой

3. ['weðə] *conj*

1. (часто whether ... or not; whether ... or whether) *вводит*

1) *косвенный вопрос ли*

he asked whether he could help - он спросил, не может ли он помочь

2) *подлежащие, дополнительные, атрибутивные или предикативные придаточные предложения, выражающие сомнение, неуверенность, выбор ли*

I am not interested in whether you approve of it or not - меня не интересует, одобряете вы это или нет

he is in doubt whether he should wait - он сомневается, нужно ли ему ждать

I am not informed as to whether he did the work - мне неизвестно, сделал ли он эту работу

it matters little whether we go or stay - неважно, поедем мы или останемся

I wonder whether he will go himself or whether he will send you - интересно, пойдёт ли он сам или пошлёт вас

I don't know whether it is true or not - я не знаю, правда ли это

2. *вводит условно-уступительные придаточные предложения или обороты ли (обычн. whether ... or no(t))*

whether he comes or not, we shall leave - приедет (ли) он или нет, мы уедем

I shall go whether it is fine or not - я пойду, какая бы ни была погода

he was completely ignored, whether by accident or design - случайно это случилось или нет, но на него не обращали никакого внимания

this is what I think, whether right or wrong - правильно или нет, но таково моё мнение

3. *в сочетаниях:*

whether or no - а) в любом случае, что бы ни случилось; так или иначе; I will do it, whether or no - так или иначе, я это сделаю;

б) (ли) ... или; whether or no it is possible, I cannot say - я не могу сказать, возможно это или нет /возможно ли это/

whether or not = whether or no a)

**whether**

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**whether** BrE ['weðə(r)]<sup>Ⓜ</sup> NAmE ['weðə(r)]<sup>Ⓜ</sup> *conjunction*

1. used to express a doubt or choice between two possibilities

- He seemed undecided **whether** to go **or** stay.
- It remains to be seen **whether or not** this idea can be put into practice.
- I asked him **whether** he had done it all himself **or whether** someone had helped him.
- I'll see whether she's at home (= or not at home).
- It's doubtful whether there'll be any seats left.

2. used to show that sth is true in either of two cases

- You are entitled to a free gift whether you accept our offer of insurance or not.
- I'm going **whether** you like it **or not**.
- **Whether or not** we're successful, we can be sure that we did our best.

Word Origin:

[**whether**] Old English hwæther, hwether, of Germanic origin; related to German *weder* 'neither'.

Grammar Point:**if / whether**

Both if and whether are used in reporting questions which expect 'yes' or 'no' as the answer: ▪ She asked if/whether I wanted a drink., although **whether** sounds more natural with particular verbs such as **discuss**, **consider** and **decide**. When a choice is offered between alternatives **if** or **whether** can be used: ▪ We didn't know if/whether we should write or phone. In this last type of sentence, **whether** is usually considered more formal and more suitable for written English.

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[Language: Old English; Origin: hwæther, hwether]

1. used when talking about a choice you have to make or about something that is not certain:

- Maurice asked me whether I needed any help.
- There were times when I wondered whether or not we would get there.

**whether to do something**

- She was uncertain whether to stay or leave.
- I didn't know whether to believe him or not.
- The question arose as to whether this behaviour was unlawful.

2. used to say that something definitely will or will not happen whatever the situation is:

" It seemed to me that she was in trouble whether Mahoney lived or died.

" Look, Kate, I'm calling the doctor, whether you like it or not.

" Poor farmers, whether owners or tenants, will be worst affected.

**HINT:** ► Do not confuse with the noun **weather** (=conditions outside such as rain, snow, sun, wind etc).

## whether

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12500 **248**<sup>MCW</sup>

15000 **382**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **1k** **WHETHER** 127429

whether 127429

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

57585 **340**<sup>115628</sup> *CSW*

8583 **3512**<sup>11727</sup> *CSW31*

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