

## NO MATTER HOW / HOWEVER / ... AS ...

### I. However/No matter how + Adj/Adv + S + V

The boxes were really heavy, but he carried them with ease.

However *heavy the boxes were, he carried them with ease.* \_\_\_\_\_

He acted suspiciously, but the police didn't call him in.

No matter how *suspiciously he acted, the police didn't call him in.* \_\_\_\_\_

If there is no Adjective/Adverb, we automatically use 'much' or 'little' in its place.

You can complain all day, but we will go ahead with the plan.

However *much you complain, we will go ahead with the plan.* \_\_\_\_\_

Although I like them a lot, I cannot forgive them for what they did.

No matter how *much I like them, I can't forgive them for what they did.* \_\_\_\_\_

I don't really like them, but I can forgive them for now.

No matter how *little I like them, I can forgive them for now.* \_\_\_\_\_

### II. Adj/Adv + as + S + V

The boxes were really heavy, but he carried them with ease.

Heavy *as the boxes were, he carried them with ease.* \_\_\_\_\_

He acted suspiciously, but the police didn't call him in.

Suspiciously *as he acted, the police didn't call him in.* \_\_\_\_\_

### III. Try as + S + May/Might (expression)

We use **may** for present and future events, and use **might** for past events.

You can try as hard as you want, you can never beat me in chess.

*Try as you may, you can never beat me in chess.* \_\_\_\_\_

The kid tried very hard to study, but he failed the exam.

*Try as the kid might to study, he failed the exam.* \_\_\_\_\_

They can try their best in the competition tomorrow, they are going to lose.

*Try as they may in the competition tomorrow, they are going to lose.* \_\_\_\_\_

### IV. No matter how many/much/few/little + Noun(s) + S + V

They have a huge amount of money, but they never share it with anyone.

No matter how *much money they have, they never share it with anyone.* \_\_\_\_\_

I have a lot of books, but none of them is about economics.

No matter how *many books I have, none of them is about economics.* \_\_\_\_\_

Sometimes we use 'few' or 'little'.

He **barely** has any money, but he keeps on gambling.

No matter how *little money he has, he keeps on gambling.* \_\_\_\_\_

There were **not** a lot of people at the party. It still went on.

No matter how *few people there were at the party, it still went on.* \_\_\_\_\_