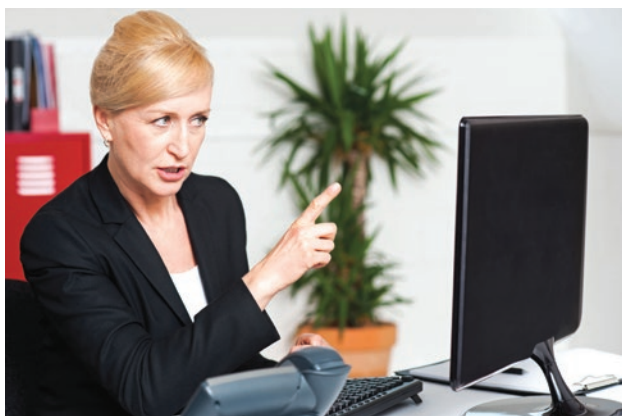




**There's no sense in waiting.**



**We've got no chance of winning.**



**I had no choice but to fire you!**



**No matter where you go in life, there's no place like home.**

## Presentation

There are different expressions using the word *no*. Common expressions with *no* use certain nouns:

### **no + noun + -ing**

*There's no point (in) worrying.*

*I had no difficulty (in) finding the place.*

*There's no harm (in) trying.*

*There's no sense (in) waiting.*

*It's no use arguing.*

*It's no good complaining.*

### **no + noun + of + -ing**

*There's no way of finding out.*

*He had no intention of helping.*

*There was no mention of having to pay.*

*We had no means of getting there.*

*I've got no chance of winning.*

*There's no hope of meeting the deadline.*

### **no + noun + that**

*There's no question that it'll work.*

*There's no doubt that she's right.*

*There was no suggestion that we would have to pay.*

*There was no expectation that they would win.*

### **no ... except / but to + infinitive**

*I had no choice but to resign.*

*We have no alternative except to fire you.*

*He had no option but to tell your parents.*

### **no matter + wh- question word**

*No matter what I say, he won't believe me.*

*No matter where you go, there's no place like home.*

*No matter who tells you, don't listen to them.*

*No matter how hard I work, I don't get a promotion.*

**1 Complete the sentences with the nouns in the box.**

alternative	chance	difficulty	good	harm	means	mention	question
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- 1 Did you have ..... finding our house?
- 2 There's no ..... in giving her a call. What can go wrong?
- 3 It's no ..... crying over spilt milk.
- 4 Our car has broken down so now we have no ..... of finishing the journey.
- 5 You have absolutely no ..... of winning this competition!
- 6 There's no ..... that your plan will work. The problem is whether we can afford it.
- 7 Sorry, but I have no ..... except to leave the company.
- 8 There was no ..... of a pay cut at the meeting last week so why are you talking about it now?

**2 Complete the sentences with the missing relative pronoun (*who, where, how, etc.*) after *no matter*.**

- 1 It won't make any difference, no matter ..... I say.
- 2 No matter ..... you go, keep hold of your passport.
- 3 No matter ..... gives you directions, make sure you follow the map.
- 4 No matter ..... long the journey takes, it'll be worth it in the end.
- 5 No matter ..... you get home, even if it's after midnight, call me to let me know you got home safely.
- 6 No matter ..... job you choose out of the two, I'll support your final decision.

**3 Complete the second sentence so it has a similar meaning to the first. Use the word in brackets and no more than five words.**

- 1 There's nothing to lose by asking. (harm)  
There's ..... *no harm in* ..... asking.
- 2 You won't gain anything by arguing about it. (use)  
..... arguing about it.
- 3 Without the internet, we can't look up the answers. (means)  
Without the internet, we ..... up the answers.
- 4 I completely believe in everything he's saying. (doubt)  
..... in everything he's saying.
- 5 I have to tell your boss about your mistake. (option)  
I have ..... your boss about your mistake.
- 6 It's a waste of time worrying about it. (point)  
..... worrying about it.
- 7 After the third goal went in, the crowd didn't think they could win. (expectation)  
After the third goal went in, ..... they could win.
- 8 Whatever they say, just follow your heart. (matter)  
..... they say, just follow your heart.