Grammar Self-Checks
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Clauses with No matter ...

No matter often introduces clauses that express frustration or encouragement. It is commonly combined with question words or the intensifier how + an adjective or adverb. Look at the statements using No matter.

| No matter how carefully I eat, my cholesterol won't come down. |
| No matter who makes the coffee, it's always too strong. |
| No matter who(m) they asked, the answer was always the same. |
| I can't seem to get it right, no matter what I do! |
| No matter when we call, it's always the wrong time. |
| No matter where she looked, she couldn't find what she needed. |
| You have to keep trying, no matter how tired you are. |

FIGURE IT OUT...

Fill in the blanks.
1. What question words are combined with No matter in the examples?
   ______________  ______________  ______________  ______________  ______________

2. What adverb follows the intensifier how in the examples?
   ______________

3. What adjective follows the intensifier how in the examples?
   ______________

Circle the letter of the best answer.
4. What do most of the examples express?
   a. encouragement  b. frustration

5. What does the last example sentence express?
   a. encouragement  b. frustration