

# ADVERBS OF FREQUENCY

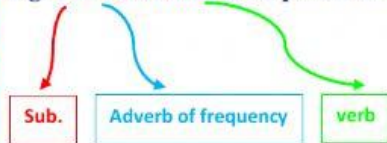
We use adverbs of frequency with the present simple to indicate how often we do things. They answer the question "How often?" These adverbs are:

|   |           |      |                                        |
|---|-----------|------|----------------------------------------|
| 1 | always    | 100% | She always goes to school by bus.      |
| 2 | usually   | 90%  | They usually go to the gym.            |
| 3 | often     | 70%  | I often study in my room.              |
| 4 | sometimes | 50%  | We sometimes eat junk food.            |
| 5 | never     | 0%   | I never go to cinema. I don't like it. |

In a sentence, we place these adverbs before the verb:

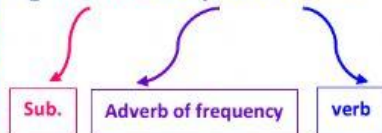
\* (They/We/You/I) + (usually, sometimes, always, often and never.) + V1

e.g: **I** never swim in the pool. I afraid of doing that.



\* (She/He/It) + (usually, sometimes, always, often and never.) + V (s/es)

e.g: **The cat** always drinks milk.



In a sentence with verb to be, we place these adverbs after the verb to be:

\* (They/we/you) + verb to be (are) + (usually, sometimes, always, often and never.)

\* (I) + verb to be (am) + (usually, sometimes, always, often and never.)

e.g: There **are** **always** lots of people in the city centre on Saturday nights.

Verb to be

Adverb of frequency

\* (she/he/it) + verb to be (is) + (usually, sometimes, always, often and never.)

e.g: It **is** **often** difficult to find a place to park.

Verb to be

Adverb of frequency



How often .....?

\***How often** is used to ask question about the frequency of an activity. (\*Note: You can see the previous worksheet about making questions in the simple present tense).

Q: How often **do** you go to the cinema?

A: I often **go** to cinema.



Q: How often **does** Omar play computer games?

A: He usually **plays** computer games.



Notice that we use adverbs of frequency to answer the question of "How often?" Also, the answer is in the present simple tense.

Exercise 1: Order the following sentences: Drag the box then drop to its place:

sometimes

before

to

11 p.m.

We

bed

go

have

breakfast.

I

cereal

usually

for

do

homework.

always

to

her

remembers

She

good

never

exams.

He

gets

in

marks



Exercise 2: Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb between brackets:

- |                                                       |                                                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 1- The weather ..... never sunny. (Be)                | 6- We ..... never unhappy. (Be)                     |
| 2- I ..... always late for work. (Be)                 | 7- We ..... usually hungry in the morning. (Be/not) |
| 3- We ..... usually ..... TV after lunch. (watch/not) | 8- They sometimes ..... late. (arrive)              |
| 4- Jenny never ..... coffee in the evening. (drink)   | 9- I always ..... to work. (walk)                   |
| 5- He usually ..... that. (do)                        | 10- My father often ..... his birthday. (forget)    |

Exercise 3: Write a question for the following sentences by using (How often.....?):

- 1- He sometimes wakes up early.
- 2- I never drink tea in the morning.
- 3- They always eat here.

**Good luck**



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