Unit **109**

Word order 1: verb + object; place and time

A Verb + object

The *verb* and the *object* normally go together. We do not usually put other words between them:

	verb	*object*		
I	**like**	**my job**	very much.	(*not* I like very much)
Our guide	**spoke**	**English**	fluently.	(*not* spoke fluently English)
I didn't	**use**	**my phone**	yesterday.	
Do you	**eat**	**meat**	every day?	

Two more examples:

- I lost all my money and I also **lost my passport**.
  (*not* I lost also my passport)
- At the end of this street you'll **see a supermarket** on your left.
  (*not* see on your left a supermarket)

B Place

The *verb* and *place* (where?) normally go together:
go home **live in a city** **walk to work** etc.

If the verb has an *object*, the order is:

	verb	*object*	*place*	
We	**took**	**the children**	**to the zoo**.	(*not* took to the zoo the children)
Don't	**put**	**anything**	**on the table**.	
Did you	**learn**	**English**	**at school**?	

C Time

Normally *time* (when? / how often? / how long?) goes after *place*:

	place	*time*	
Ben walks	**to work**	**every morning**.	(*not* every morning to work)
I'm going	**to Paris**	**on Monday**.	
They've lived	**in the same house**	**for a long time**.	
We need to be	**at the airport**	**by 8 o'clock**.	
Sarah gave me a lift	**home**	**after the party**.	
You really shouldn't go	**to bed**	**so late**.	

Sometimes we put *time* at the beginning of the sentence:

- **On Monday** I'm going to Paris.
- **After the party** Sarah gave me a lift home.

Some time words (for example, **always**/**never**/**usually**) go with the verb in the middle of the sentence. See Unit 110.

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109.1 **Is the word order OK or not? Correct the sentences where necessary.**

1 Did you see your friends yesterday? OK
2 Ben walks every morning to work. Ben walks to work every morning.
3 Joe doesn't like very much football. .....
4 Dan won easily the race. .....
5 Tanya speaks German quite well. .....
6 Have you seen recently Chris? .....
7 I borrowed from a friend some money. .....
8 Please don't ask that question again. .....
9 I ate quickly my breakfast and went out. .....
10 Did you invite to the party a lot of people? .....
11 Sam watches all the time TV. .....
12 Does Kevin play football every weekend? .....

109.2 **Complete the sentences. Put the parts in the correct order.**

1 We (the children / to the zoo / took). We took the children to the zoo.
2 I (a friend of mine / on my way home / met). I .....
3 I (to put / on the envelope / a stamp / forgot). I .....
4 We (a lot of fruit / bought / in the market). We .....
5 They (opposite the park / a new hotel / built). They .....
6 Did you (at school / today / a lot of things / learn)?
Did you .....?
7 We (some interesting books / found / in the library).
We .....
8 Please (at the top / write / of the page / your name).
Please .....

109.3 **Complete the sentences. Put the parts in the correct order.**

1 They (for a long time / have lived / in the same house).
They have lived in the same house for a long time.
2 I (to the supermarket / every Friday / go).
I .....
3 Why (home / did you come / so late)?
Why .....?
4 Sarah (her children / takes / every day / to school).
Sarah .....
5 I haven't (been / recently / to the cinema).
I haven't .....
6 I (her name / after a few minutes / remembered).
I .....
7 We (around the town / all morning / walked).
We .....
8 My brother (has been / since April / in Canada).
My brother .....
9 I (on Saturday night / didn't see you / at the party).
I .....
10 Lisa (her umbrella / last night / in a restaurant / left).
Lisa .....
11 The moon (round the earth / every 27 days / goes).
The moon .....
12 Anna (Italian / for the last three years / has been teaching / in London).
Anna .....

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Word order 2: adverbs with the verb

A

Some adverbs (for example, **always**, **also**, **probably**) go with the verb in the middle of a sentence:

- Emily **always drives** to work.
- We were feeling very tired and we **were also** hungry.
- The meeting **will probably be cancelled**.

B

If the verb is one word (**drives**/**cooked** etc.), the adverb goes *before* the verb:

	adverb	*verb*	
Emily	**always**	**drives**	to work.
I	**almost**	**fell**	as I was going down the stairs.

- I cleaned the house and **also cooked** the dinner. (*not* cooked also)
- Laura **hardly ever watches** television and **rarely reads** newspapers.
- 'Shall I give you my address?' 'No, I **already have** it.'

Note that these adverbs (**always**/**usually**/**also** etc.) go before **have to** . . . :

- Joe never phones me. I **always have to** phone him. (*not* I have always to phone)

But adverbs go *after* **am**/**is**/**are**/**was**/**were**:

- We were feeling very tired and we **were also** hungry. (*not* also were)
- You**'re always** late. You**'re never** on time.
- The traffic **isn't usually** as bad as it was this morning.

C

If the verb is two or more words (for example, **can remember** / **will be cancelled**), the adverb usually goes *after the first verb* (**can**/**doesn't**/**will** etc.):

	verb 1	*adverb*	*verb 2*	
I	**can**	**never**	**remember**	her name.
Clare	**doesn't**	**usually**	**drive**	to work.
	Are you	**definitely**	**going**	away next week?
The meeting	**will**	**probably**	**be**	cancelled.

- You**'ve always been** very kind to me.
- Jack can't cook. He **can't even boil** an egg.
- **Do** you **still work** for the same company?
- The house **was only built** a year ago and it**'s already falling** down.

Note that **probably** goes before a negative (**isn't**/**won't** etc.). So we say:

- I **probably won't see** you. *or*
  I'll **probably not** see you. (*but not* I won't probably)

D

We also use **all** and **both** with the verb in the middle of a sentence:

- We **all felt** ill after the meal. (*not* felt all ill)
- My parents **are both** teachers.
- Sarah and Jane **have both applied** for the job.
- My friends **are all going** out tonight.

E

Sometimes we use **is**/**will**/**did** etc. instead of repeating part of a sentence (see Unit 51):

- Tom says he isn't clever, but I think he **is**. (= he **is clever**)

When we do this, we put **always**/**never** etc. *before* the verb:

- He always says he won't be late, but he **always is**. (= he **is always** late)
- I've never done it and I **never will**. (= I **will never** do it)

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Exercises

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110.1 **Is the word order OK or not? Correct the sentences where necessary.**

1 Helen drives always to work. Helen always drives to work.
2 I cleaned the house and also cooked the dinner. OK
3 I have usually a shower in the morning.
4 I'm usually hungry when I get home from work.
5 Steve gets hardly ever angry.
6 I called him and I sent also an email.
7 You don't listen! I have always to repeat things.
8 I never have worked in a factory.
9 I never have enough time. I'm always busy.
10 When I arrived, my friends already were there.

110.2 **Rewrite the sentences to include the word in brackets.**

1 Clare doesn't drive to work. (usually) Clare doesn't usually drive to work.
2 Katherine is very generous. (always)
3 I don't have to work on Sundays. (usually)
4 Do you watch TV in the evenings? (always)
5 Martin is learning Spanish, and he is learning Japanese. (also)
Martin is learning Spanish and he
6 a We were on holiday in Spain. (all)
b We were staying at the same hotel. (all)
c We had a great time. (all)
7 a The new hotel is expensive. (probably)
b It costs a lot to stay there. (probably)
8 a I can help you. (probably)
b I can't help you. (probably)

110.3 **Complete the sentences. Use the words in brackets in the correct order.**

1 What's her name again? I can never remember (remember / I / never / can) it.
2 Our cat (usually / sleeps) under the bed.
3 There are plenty of hotels here. (usually / it / easy / is) to find a place to stay.
4 Mark and Amy (both / were / born) in Manchester.
5 Lisa is a good pianist. (sing / she / also / can) very well.
6 How do you go to work? (usually / you / do / go) by bus?
7 I see them every day, but (never / I / have / spoken) to them.
8 We haven't moved. (we / still / are / living) in the same place.
9 This shop is always busy. (have / you / always / to wait) a long time to be served.
10 This could be the last time I see you. (meet / never / we / might) again.
11 Thanks for the invitation, but (probably / I / be / won't) able to come to the party.
12 I'm going out for an hour. (still / be / you / will) here when I get back?
13 Helen goes away a lot. (is / hardly ever / she) at home.
14 If we hadn't taken the same train, (never / met / we / would / have) each other.
15 The journey took a long time today. (doesn't / take / it / always) so long.
16 (all / were / we) tired, so (all / we / fell) asleep.
17 Tanya (says / always) that she'll phone me, but (does / she / never).

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