

Word Order in English

Susunan Perkataan dalam Bahasa Inggeris

The most common word order in English is:	Susunan Perkataan yang paling biasa diguna dalam Inggeris ialah:
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WHO – WHAT – WHERE – WHEN – HOW - WHY

SIAPA/APA – BUAT/LAKU – DI MANA – BILA – BAGAIMANA - KENAPA

Following this word order will help you to build reflexes in English. Building reflexes means that you will no longer need to correct sentences in your own language and translate them into English.	Berikut susunan perkataan ini akan membantu anda membina refleksi dalam Bahasa Inggeris. Membina refleksi bermaksud anda tidak lagi perlu membetulkan ayat dalam bahasa anda sendiri dan menterjemahkannya ke dalam Bahasa Inggeris.
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Examples:

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| <u>My brother and I</u> | <u>went on holiday</u> | <u>to Kuantan</u> | <u>last year.</u> |
| WHO | WHAT | WHERE | WHEN |
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|---------------------|-----------|---------------|----------------------|----------------|
| <u>The children</u> | <u>go</u> | <u>school</u> | <u>every morning</u> | <u>by bus.</u> |
| WHO | WHAT | WHERE | WHEN | HOW |
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|--------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| <u>Jamal</u> | <u>likes white coffee</u> | <u>very much.</u> |
| WHO | WHAT | HOW |
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|-------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <u>They</u> | <u>will go</u> | <u>to China</u> | <u>next year</u> | <u>to improve their Mandarin.</u> |
| WHO | WHAT | WHERE | WHEN | HOW |

NOTE:

1. Do not separate a **WHO – WHAT**, or the different elements of 'WHAT': e.g

*Jangan asingkan **WHO -WHAT**, atau menukar perkataan '**WHAT**': contoh*

Do not say: 'My brother and I **last year** went on holiday to Italy.

Say: 'My brother and I went on holiday to Italy **last year**.'

Do not say: 'Jamal likes **very much** 'teh tarik' tea.'

Say: 'Jamal likes 'teh tarik' tea **very much**.'

2. You may occasionally hear a sentence that starts with an element other than '**WHO – WHAT**'. This happens when you want to **emphasise** that element and your voice should **emphasise** it as well. In written form you should separate that element from the sentence with a comma.

*Anda mungkin kadang-kadang mendengar ayat yang bermula dengan elemen selain 'SIAPA – APA'. Ini berlaku apabila anda ingin **menekankan** elemen tersebut dan **suara anda juga perlu menekankannya**. Dalam bentuk tulisan, anda harus memisahkan elemen tersebut dari ayat dengan koma.*

My brother and I went on holiday to Italy **last year**.

Last year, we had visited France.

It rained **in London** yesterday.

In Paris, it was sunny.

3. If one element is composed of different parts, go from the smaller unit to the larger one.

Jika satu elemen terdiri daripada bahagian-bahagian yang berbeza, mulakan dari unit yang lebih kecil ke yang lebih besar.

Construction began **at 9 a.m. on Monday 25 June in 1995**.

We stayed **at a hotel in a small town in Russia**.

Word Order - Exercises

Make sentences by putting the words in the right order.

Tulis ayat-ayat dengan mengatutkan/menyusun perkataan dengan betul:

1. to Tokyo / we / last / went
2. flew / to Kuala Lumpur / I / to visit my friend
3. children / learn easily / languages
4. next month / Zahra / to Penang / will go
5. in a big city / lives / my grandfather / in Australia
6. doesn't remember / Salleh / very well / numbers
7. is improving / his health / slowly / because of the medicine
8. to improve her Mandarin / Fatin / went / last January / to Peking
9. To avoid confusion / she / clearly / explained / the situation
10. next month / will spend / they / three days / in Kota Bahru