

BASIC WORD ORDER

Standard Word Order in English

In English, sentences usually follow a strict order. We state who does the action, what the action is, what or who receives it, where it happens, and when it happens.

SUBJECT + VERB + OBJECT + PLACE + TIME

Example 1:

He (Subject) plays (Verb) the guitar (Object) in his room (Place) every night (Time).

1. Adverbs of Frequency

Words like *always*, *often*, *usually*, *sometimes*, and *never* show how frequently something occurs. Their place in the sentence changes depending on the verb:

A) With regular action verbs

Place the frequency adverb BEFORE the main verb.

Subject + Frequency Adverb + Verb

He often cooks pasta.

B) With the verb "To Be" (am, is, are)

Place the frequency adverb AFTER the verb "to be".

Subject + Verb (BE) + Frequency Adverb

You are always late.

Exercise 1: Put the words in the correct order

1. (soccer / plays / everyday / Paul / in the park)

2. (watch / TV / We / in the living room)

3. (at 8 am / English / study / I / at school)

4. (apples / likes / she / very much)

Exercise 2: Choose the correct sentence

1.

He never is late for class.

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2.

They sometimes drink coffee in the morning.

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3.

Do you often go to the gym?

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