

28 Adverbs and word order



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1 After the verb

We usually put adverbs of manner (e.g. *well, badly, quickly, slowly, quietly, loudly, easily, happily, carefully, perfectly*) after the verb:

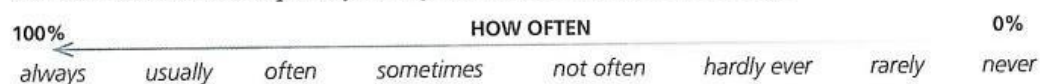
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If there is an object after the verb, we put the adverb after the object:

SUBJECT	VERB	OBJECT	ADVERB
He	plays		well.
He	plays	football	well.

2 Before the verb

We use adverbs of frequency to say how often we do something:



We put these adverbs BEFORE present simple and past simple verbs:

I never eat toast for breakfast. She hardly ever plays tennis. We always walked to school.

But we put them AFTER:

- the verb *be*:
She is always late for work. We are often very busy.
- an auxiliary verb or modal verb (e.g. *have, will, can* or *must*):
I have never watched a football match. You can usually get tickets on the Internet.

3 At the end of the sentence

We usually put adverbs of place (e.g. *here, there, at the café*) and time (e.g. *yesterday, on Saturday, immediately, last week, every day, twice a month*) at the end of the sentence:

Do you have your lunch at the café? We go to the cinema twice a month.

Chrissie watches football on Saturdays.

Word order with more than one adverb ► Unit 72.3

Practice

1 GRAMMAR IN USE Choose the correct words in *italics* in the text.

In my free time I like playing sports and using the Internet. I (0) *play often* / (*often play*) tennis at the weekend and I (1) *sometimes play* / *play sometimes* football on Tuesday evenings. My team (2) *wins never* / *never wins* and I don't (3) *play well* / *well play*, but I enjoy it very much. I think I use the Internet every day – my computer (4) *is always* / *always is* on! I like websites like YouTube and Facebook. I can (5) *type quickly* / *quickly type* so it is easy for me to send lots of emails to my friends. I also like music. My Internet connection is really fast so I can download (6) *easily songs* / *songs easily*. Then I can listen to them on my iPod.

2 Look at the information about watching TV. Complete the sentences below.

	HOW OFTEN DO YOU WATCH TV?			WHEN?		
	sometimes	every day	once a week	never	in the evenings	at the weekends
Cilla			✓			
David				✓		
Marion		✓				
Eduardo			✓			
Monty	✓					
Caroline						✓
Max					✓	

- 0 Cilla and Eduardo *watch TV once a week*. 3 Monty
- 1 David
- 2 Marion 4 Caroline
- 5 Max

3 Put the adverbs in brackets () in the correct position in each sentence.

- 0 I ^{often} watch TV in the evenings. (often) 6 I have been to Australia. (never)
- 1 Does your best friend speak Spanish? (perfectly) 7 She was frightened so she opened the door. (slowly)
- 2 We go to the beach in the summer. (usually) 8 My family has lived on a farm. (always)
- 3 Hilary is late. (always) 9 I talk when I'm excited. (loudly)
- 4 Where do you go? (at the weekends) 10 You should go to the dentist. (every six months)
- 5 When I play football I feel really happy. (well)

4 Write true sentences about the hobbies in brackets (). Use an adverb in each sentence.

- 0 I *never play football* (play football)
- 1 I (sing songs I like)
- 2 I (read magazines)
- 3 I (play computer games)
- 4 I (write stories)
- 5 I (go to the cinema)
- 6 I (cook meals for friends)