

# 28 Adverbs and word order



Chrissie usually watches football on Saturdays. She shouts loudly when her team plays well.

## 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:

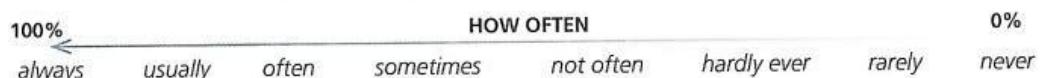
*Chrissie shouts loudly when her team plays well.*

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

SUBJECT	VERB	OBJECT	ADVERB
He	<i>plays</i>		<i>well.</i>
He	<i>plays</i>	<i>football</i>	<i>well.</i>

## 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..... .      4 Caroline .....

2 Marion .....

5 Max .....

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

0 I often watch TV in the evenings. (often)

1 Does your best friend speak Spanish? (perfectly)

2 We go to the beach in the summer. (usually)

3 Hilary is late. (always)

4 Where do you go? (at the weekends)

5 When I play football I feel really happy. (well)

6 I have been to Australia. (never)

7 She was frightened so she opened the door. (slowly)

8 My family has lived on a farm. (always)

9 I talk when I'm excited. (loudly)

10 You should go to the dentist. (every six months)

### 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)