Entry 3 – Word order

English has strict rules about the order in which words can appear in a sentence.
Study the rules below.

	Rules and examples
verb + object	In a sentence, the **verb** and the **object** usually go together: I found my keys. I found *(verb)* my keys *(object)*. I never meet my friends during the week. Can you see me now?
place + time	We usually put **place** and **time** together after the **object**: I found my keys at work this morning. I found my keys *(object)* at work *(place)* this morning *(time)*. I'm staying at home tonight. I've never been to Russia during winter. We can also put **time** at the beginning of the sentence: Tonight I'm staying at home.

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indirect object with 'to'	We usually put the **direct object** before the **indirect object with 'to'**: I sent the email to her this morning. I sent the email *(direct object)* to her *(indirect object with 'to')* this morning.
indirect object without 'to'	We usually put the **direct object** after an **indirect object without 'to'**: I sent her the email. I sent her *(indirect object without 'to')* the email *(direct object)*.

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1. Practice - Time and place

Complete each sentence :

1. **I (have lived / for 5 years / here). I have lived here for 5 years.**
2. (English / have been learning / for a year / in Japan).
   They . . . . . .
3. (on Saturday / Andrew / invite / to your party)?
   Are you going to .....
4. (to work / yesterday / didn't go).
   Debbie.....
5. (a new laptop / bought / at the computer store / last week).
   I .....
6. (every day / your Facebook profile / check)?
   Do you .....?
7. (on Friday / the children / took / to the amusement park).
   We . . . . . .
8. (the same pair of jeans / has been wearing / for years).
   Nick . . . . . .
   .
9. (at the moment / a new cinema / in my town / are building).
   They . . . . . .

2. Practice - Direct/Indirect object

Rewrite the sentences below in a different way:

1. I wrote my mother an email this morning. I wrote an email to my mother this morning.
2. I lent some money to him. . . . . .
3. I offered him some wine, but he refused. . . . . .
4. She didn't give enough time to her students.

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5. Can you pass the salt to me, please? . . . . . .
6. Sarah has been giving piano lessons to Paul. . . . . .
7. Send a text to her. She might reply. . . . . ..

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