

GRAMMAR

ADVERBS OF FREQUENCY

adverbs of frequency

never hardly ever sometimes often usually always

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I	often	listen to	the radio.
Keanu	hardly ever	has	breakfast.
They	are	never	late.
My phone	's	usually	here.

Use adverbs of frequency to say how often you do something.

*I **usually** have breakfast at home.*

*Leo is **always** very happy.*

Frequency adverbs go before most verbs: *He **never** listens to me,*

but after the verb *be*: *Sarah is **usually** friendly.*

Usually and *sometimes* can also go at the beginning of a sentence.

***Sometimes** Ahmed phones me after midnight.*

B Read the sentences again and underline the correct alternative in the rules below.

RULES

The adverb goes *before/after* the verb *be*.

The adverb goes *before/after* other verbs.

C Put the words in the correct order.

1 A / you / problems / often / with / friend / helps / real

A real friend often helps you with problems.

2 friends / other / understand / each / Real / always

3 friend / is / a brother or sister / real / sometimes / A

4 about / friends / ask / personal things / never / Real

5 disagree / Real / hardly ever / friends

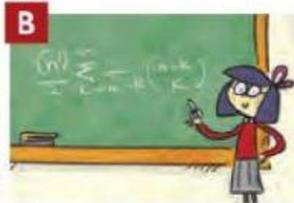
6 are / age / the same / friends / Real / usually

VOCABULARY

PERSONALITY

4 A Match the adjectives in the box with pictures A–F.

interesting *D* intelligent kind talkative
friendly funny



Interesting

Intelligent

Kind

Talkative

Friendly

Funny

B Look at the adjectives in the box below. Complete the box with the opposite adjectives from Exercise 4A.

stupid *intelligent* serious boring
unfriendly quiet unkind

5 A Complete 1–4 with the correct phrases in the box.

~~very interesting~~ not very interesting
interesting really interesting

- 1 ✓✓ = She's very interesting.
- 2 ✓✓ = She's _____.
- 3 ✓ = She's _____.
- 4 ✗ = She's _____.

B  3.4 Listen and repeat. 

C Correct the words in bold in four of the sentences below. One sentence is correct.

- 1 I'm ^{really}~~not very~~ friendly. I love being with people.
- 2 I'm **very** quiet. I speak all the time.
- 3 I'm **not** funny. People often laugh at my jokes.
- 4 I'm **really** kind. I always help my friends.
- 5 I'm **not very** serious. I like studying and I don't like doing nothing.

D Change the sentences above so that they are true for someone you know. Then work with a new partner and compare your answers.

My sister's very funny. People always laugh at her jokes.