

ADVERBS OF FREQUENCY

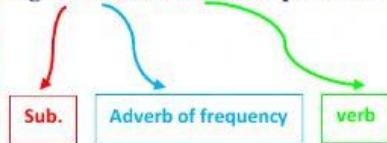
We use adverbs of frequency with the present simple to indicate how often we do things. They answer the question "How often?" These adverbs are:

1	always	100%	She always goes to school by bus.
2	usually	90%	They usually go to the gym.
3	often	70%	I often study in my room.
4	sometimes	50%	We sometimes eat junk food.
5	never	0%	I never go to cinema. I don't like it.

In a sentence, we place these adverbs before the verb:

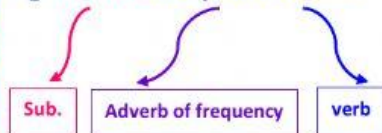
* (They/We/You/I) + (usually, sometimes, always, often and never.) + V1

e.g: **I** never swim in the pool. I afraid of doing that.



* (She/He/It) + (usually, sometimes, always, often and never.) + V (s/es)

e.g: **The cat** always drinks milk.



In a sentence with verb to be, we place these adverbs after the verb to be:

* (They/we/you) + verb to be (are) + (usually, sometimes, always, often and never.)

* (I) + verb to be (am) + (usually, sometimes, always, often and never.)

e.g: There **are** **always** lots of people in the city centre on Saturday nights.

Verb to be

Adverb of frequency

* (she/he/it) + verb to be (is) + (usually, sometimes, always, often and never.)

e.g: It **is** **often** difficult to find a place to park.

Verb to be

Adverb of frequency



How often?

***How often** is used to ask question about the frequency of an activity. (*Note: You can see the previous worksheet about making questions in the simple present tense).

Q: How often **do** you go to the cinema?

A: I often **go** to cinema.



Q: How often **does** Omar play computer games?

A: He usually **plays** computer games.



Notice that we use adverbs of frequency to answer the question of "How often?" Also, the answer is in the present simple tense.

Exercise 1: Order the following sentences: Drag the box then drop to its place:

sometimes

before

to

11 p.m.

We

bed

go

have

breakfast.

I

cereal

usually

for

do

homework.

always

to

her

remembers

She

good

never

exams.

He

gets

in

marks

Exercise 2: Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb between brackets:

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|---|---|
| 1- The weather never sunny. (Be) | 6- We never unhappy. (Be) |
| 2- I always late for work. (Be) | 7- We usually hungry in the morning. (Be/not) |
| 3- We usually TV after lunch. (watch/not) | 8- They sometimes late. (arrive) |
| 4- Jenny never coffee in the evening. (drink) | 9- I always to work. (walk) |
| 5- He usually that. (do) | 10- My father often his birthday. (forget) |

Exercise 3: Write a question for the following sentences by using (How often.....?):

- 1- He sometimes wakes up early.
- 2- I never drink tea in the morning.
- 3- They always eat here.

Good luck



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