

Word Order

verb + object			
➤ the verb and the object are usually together, after the subject :			
subject ↓ <i>Sue</i> <i>He</i> <i>I</i> <i>We</i>	verb ↓ <i>bought</i> <i>speaks</i> <i>like</i> <i>invited</i>	object ↓ <i>some new shoes</i> <i>English</i> <i>Italian food</i> <i>a lot of people</i>	<i>yesterday.</i> <i>very well.</i> (<i>not He speaks very well English.</i>) <i>very much.</i> (<i>not I like very much...</i>) <i>to the party.</i>

SVOPT				
➤ place (where?) is usually before time (when? how long? how often?) ➤ place and time come at the end of the sentence ➤ not all parts of the pattern are included in every sentence, but the order normally stays the same				
subject ↓ <i>Tom</i> <i>Pamela</i> <i>Tina</i>	verb ↓ <i>drinks</i> <i>speaks</i> <i>goes</i>	object ↓ <i>a cup of coffee</i> <i>English</i>	place ↓ <i>in his kitchen</i> <i>at home.</i> <i>to Oxford</i>	time ↓ <i>every morning.</i> <i>every Sunday.</i>
➤ sometimes, auxiliaries (= Hilfsverben) are added to a sentence, but the SVOPT pattern is still there:				
<i>Jim</i> <i>Jim</i>	<i>doesn't</i> <i>is</i>	<i>drink</i> <i>drinking</i>	<i>a cup of coffee</i> <i>a cup of coffee</i>	<i>in his kitchen</i> <i>in his kitchen.</i>
				<i>every morning.</i>

SAVOPT					
➤ adverbs of frequency (always, often, usually, never, etc.) are normally put before the main verb (= most important verb in a sentence or phrase)					
subject ↓ <i>Tom</i> <i>Pamela</i> <i>Tina</i>	adverb of fr. ↓ <i>always</i> <i>often</i> <i>never</i>	verb ↓ <i>drinks</i> <i>speaks</i> <i>goes</i>	object ↓ <i>a cup of coffee</i> <i>English</i>	place ↓ <i>in the kitchen</i> <i>at home.</i> <i>to Oxford</i>	time ↓ <i>in the morning.</i> <i>on a Sunday.</i>
➤ with the "to be" as the main verb, the adverbs of frequency are put after the main verb					
<i>We</i> <i>It</i>	<i>are</i> <i>is</i>	<i>never</i> <i>usually</i>	<i>very cold</i>	<i>at home</i> <i>here</i>	<i>before 7 pm.</i> <i>in winter.</i>

A) Put the words in order.

1. the door / opened / I / slowly

I opened the door slowly

2. a new phone / I / last week / got

I got a new phone last week

3. finished / Paul / his work / quickly / last week

Paul finished his work quickly last week

4. Emily / very well / French / doesn't speak

Emily doesn't speak French very well

5. We / since 1998 / here / have lived

We have lived here since 1998

6. I / in bed / this morning / my breakfast / had

I had my breakfast in bed this morning

7. in September / Amy / to university / is going

Amy is going to university in September

8. this morning / saw / a beautiful bird / in the garden / I

I saw a beautiful bird in the garden this morning

9. every day / the same thing / do / we

we do the same thing every day

10. football / don't like / very much / I

I don't like football very much

B) Put an asterisk (*) where the adverb of frequency goes in the sentence.

1. My brother * speaks to me. (never)

2. Susan is * polite. (always)

3. I * finish work at 5 o'clock. (usually)

4. I * go to bed before midnight. (rarely)

5. The bus isn't late * . (usually)

6. I don't eat fish* . (often)

7. I * forget what you said. (never)

8. They * stay in the same hotel. (always)

9. Jane * doesn't work on Sundays. (usually)

10. Simon doesn't drink beer in the evening. (often)

11. What do you * have for breakfast? (usually)

12. They are * at home during the day. (never)

Word Order in questions

ASI				
➤ Auxiliary, Subject, Infinitive				
	<i>Do</i>	<i>you</i>	<i>live</i>	<i>with your parents?</i>
	<i>Did</i>	<i>they</i>	<i>have</i>	<i>a holiday last year?</i>

QUASI				
➤ Question word, Auxiliary, Subject, Infinitive				
<i>Where</i>	<i>does</i>	<i>your sister</i>	<i>work?</i>	
<i>When</i>	<i>did</i>	<i>you</i>	<i>start</i>	<i>studying English?</i>
<i>What</i>	<i>did</i>	<i>they</i>	<i>talk</i>	<i>about?</i>
<i>How often</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>you</i>	<i>study</i>	<i>English at home?</i>

Questions with "be"			
➤ make questions with the verb "to be" by inverting (= umkehren) the verb and the subject			
	<i>Are</i>	<i>you</i>	<i>hungry?</i>
	<i>Is</i>	<i>there</i>	<i>a bank near here?</i>
<i>What</i>	<i>was</i>	<i>that</i>	<i>noise?</i>
<i>Where</i>	<i>are</i>	<i>you</i>	<i>from?</i>

C) Put the word or phrase in the right place in the question by using an asterisk (*).

- How * are you? (old)
- Where do * you from? (come)
- How often * you read magazines? (do)
- Where * she born? (was)
- Why * you write to me? (didn't)
- Do you * go to the cinema? (often)
- What time did * arrive? (your friends)
- Where did you go * ? (last summer)

D) What do you do when...?

- a. Have a look at the box below and fill in a few ideas, using adverbs of frequency (e.g. always, usually, often, sometimes, etc.). Write whole sentences.
- b. Exchange your ideas with your neighbor.

What do you do when...?**Moods**

What do you do when...

- ... you are feeling down? going for a ride on my motorcycle
- ... you are happy? trying to enjoy it
- ... you are annoyed? nothing
- ... you are bored? nothing
- ... you are nervous? try to calm me down
- ... you are tired? sleep

Situations

What do you do when...

- ... you have a free day? depends on the day
- ... you have an exam the next day? not learning
- ... you have too much to do? i do what i can
- ... you can't sleep?
- ... someone is rude to you?
- ... you can't find your keys?
- ... you have quarrelled with a friend?
- ... you are short of money?

Word Order – KEY

A)

1. I opened the door slowly.
2. I got a new phone last week.
3. Paul finished his work quickly last week.
4. Emily doesn't speak French very well.
5. We have lived here since 1998.
6. I had my breakfast in bed this morning.
7. Amy is going to university in September.
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D)

individual answers; make sure to stick to the "SAVOPT" structure