

Word order 1: verb + object; place and time

A

Verb + object

The *verb* and the *object* normally go together. We do not usually put other words between them:

	verb +	object	
I	like	my job	very much. (<i>not</i> I like very much my job)
Did you	see	your friends	yesterday?
Helen never	drinks	coffee.	

Study these examples. The verb and the object go together each time:

- ☐ Do you **eat meat** every day? (*not* Do you eat every day meat?)
- ☐ Everybody **enjoyed the party** very much. (*not* enjoyed very much the party)
- ☐ Our guide **spoke English** fluently. (*not* spoke fluently English)
- ☐ I lost all my money and I also **lost my passport**.
(*not* I lost also my passport)
- ☐ At the end of the street you'll **see a supermarket** on your left.
(*not* see on your left a supermarket)

B

Place and time

Usually the *verb* and the *place* (where?) go together:

go home **live in a city** **walk to work** etc.

If the verb has an *object*, the place comes after the *verb + object*:

take somebody home **meet a friend in the street**

Time (when? / how often? / how long?) usually goes after *place*:

	place	+	time	
Ben walks	to work		every morning.	(<i>not</i> every morning to work)
Sam has been	in Canada		since April.	
We arrived	at the airport		early.	

Study these examples. *Time* goes after *place*:

- ☐ I'm going **to Paris** **on Monday**. (*not* I'm going on Monday to Paris)
- ☐ They have lived **in the same house** **for a long time**.
- ☐ Don't be late. Make sure you're **here** **by 8 o'clock**.
- ☐ Sarah gave me a lift **home** **after the party**.
- ☐ You really shouldn't go **to bed** **so late**.

It is often possible to put *time* at the beginning of the sentence:

- ☐ **On Monday** I'm going to Paris.
- ☐ **Every morning** Ben walks to work.

Some time words (for example, **always/never/usually**) go with the verb in the middle of the sentence. See Unit 110.