

Basic English Word Order (Subject – Verb – Object/Adverb)

Grammar Drill Pack

Focus: Fixing misplaced adverbs and objects in simple sentences — five short drills to lock in **Basic English Word Order (Subject – Verb – Object/Adverb)**.

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1 · Rules

- ◆ The normal order in English is Subject → Verb → Object/Complement.
- ◆ Adverbs of frequency (always, often, never) usually go before the main verb.
- ◆ Time and place phrases normally come after the verb phrase.

2 · Signal words

always

often

usually

in the morning

yesterday

Tip: These words often flag **Basic English Word Order (Subject – Verb – Object/Adverb)** — spot them, then choose the form.

3 · Gap-fill drill

Write the correct form of **Basic English Word Order (Subject – Verb – Object/Adverb)** in each gap.

- 1 Tom _____ drinks coffee in the morning.
- 2 We _____ eat dinner at eight.
- 3 She _____ finished her homework.
- 4 The cat sleeps _____.
- 5 They will visit their grandparents _____.
- 6 I have _____ read that book.

4 · Error correction

Each sentence has one mistake in Basic English Word Order (Subject – Verb – Object/Adverb). Rewrite it correctly.

- 1 ~~She every night reads books.~~
- 2 ~~We to the park tomorrow will go.~~
- 3 ~~He after school often plays football.~~
- 4 ~~The teacher yesterday gave us homework.~~
- 5 ~~I fluently can speak English.~~
- 6 ~~My brother last month bought a new car.~~

5 · Mini-quiz

Choose the correct option (A-D).

- 1 Choose the sentence with the correct word order.
☐ (A) She often goes to school early. ☐ (B) She goes often to school early.
☐ (C) She to school often goes early. ☐ (D) She early often goes to school.
- 2 Which sentence is ordered correctly?
☐ (A) We will meet them tomorrow at the cafe. ☐ (B) We tomorrow at the cafe will meet them.
☐ (C) We them will meet tomorrow at the cafe. ☐ (D) We meet tomorrow them at the cafe.
- 3 Select the sentence with the correct placement of the adverb 'always'.
☐ (A) He always eats breakfast at 7. ☐ (B) He eats always breakfast at 7.
☐ (C) He eats breakfast always at 7. ☐ (D) He eats breakfast at 7 always.
- 4 Choose the sentence with the correct placement of the time phrase 'in the morning'.
☐ (A) She drinks coffee in the morning. ☐ (B) She in the morning drinks coffee.
☐ (C) She drinks in the morning coffee. ☐ (D) She coffee drinks in the morning.
- 5 Pick the sentence that follows the normal Subject-Verb-Object order.
☐ (A) The boy kicked the ball. ☐ (B) The ball kicked the boy. ☐ (C) Kicked the boy the ball.
☐ (D) The boy the ball kicked.
- 6 Select the sentence where the prepositional phrase is correctly placed.
☐ (A) They live near the river. ☐ (B) Near the river they live. ☐ (C) They near the river live.
☐ (D) Live they near the river.