

Danciger High School

Word Order for Sentence Building.

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1. The usual word order in a simple sentence in English:

Time	Subject	Frequency (one word)	Verb	Object (direct)	Object (indirect)	Adverb of manner	Place	Time
	I	usually	write	a letter	to my mom	carefully	in my room	on Friday.
On Friday	I	usually	write	a letter	to my mom	carefully	in my room.	

2. Another type of a simple sentence:

Time	There be	Subject	Place	Time
Now	there is	a flower	on my table.	
	there were	students	in the class	yesterday.

Some examples:

- Tomorrow they will explain the problem to me.
- The chef of the restaurant cooked a delicious meal at his own home yesterday.
- There are children in the school playground during breaks.
- The teacher is leaving angrily the classroom right now.
- Our family goes on trips whenever possible.
- Israelis always have a barbecue on Independence Day.
- He has hardly seen her this year.

Questions to ask when building a sentence to write or speak.

When?	Who? Which? What?	How often?	Action	Who? Which? What?	How?	Where?	When?
Last week	I		went			to the cinema.	
	I	usually	have	a very good seat.			
	The play		was	very interesting.			
	I		did not enjoy	it.			
	A young man and a young woman		were sitting			behind me.	
	They		were talking		loudly.		

Practice one

Use the eight columns for the exercise. There is a line under each word or group of words in the statement below. The words are not in the right order. Arrange them correctly in the seven columns.

1. The film/ I enjoyed /yesterday
2. The news /listened to/ I/ carefully.
3. Well/ the man/ the piano/ played.
4. Games/ played/ yesterday/ in their room/ the children/ quietly.
5. Quietly/ the door/ he/ opened.
6. Immediately/ left/ he.
7. a/ tree/ in the corner of the garden/ he/ planted.
8. before lunch/ the letter/ in his office/ quickly/ he read.
9. This morning/ a book/ I/ from the library/ borrowed.
10. The soup/ spoilt/ the cook.
11. We/ at home/ stay/ on Saturdays.
12. There/ a lot of people/ are/ at the bus-stop.
13. The little boy/ an apple/ this morning/ ate/ greedily/ in the kitchen.
14. She/ beautifully/ draws.
15. Music/ I/ like/ very much.
16. a/ new school/ built/ they/ in our village/ last year.
17. The match/ at four o' clock/ ended.
18. She/ a letter/ from her brother/ last week/ received.

Practice two.

Arrange the following sentences correctly as before.

1. Usually/ to my dentist/ go/ twice a year/ I
2. The family/ cakes/ bakes/ every Friday/ for Mary
3. To all our friends/ we/ the movie/ will recommend/ tomorrow
4. Suggested/ to my friend/ how to handle the situation/ I
5. My father/ for a walk/ goes/ on Saturday morning/ often.
6. Usually/ at this restaurant/ there are/ many people
7. Described/ the accident/ in detail/ David/ to the police
8. To our teacher/ my mother/ very politely/ was speaking/ during/ parents' meeting
9. A lot of noise/ every day/ there is/ in this neighborhood
10. My mother/ drinks/ in the morning/ usually/ coffee with milk
11. A letter/ my son/ sends/ once a week/ me
12. yesterday./ knew/ what to do/ hardly
13. You/ will meet/ outside school/ I/ at 10 o' clock/ tomorrow
14. Our parents/ to the teacher/ introduced/ me
15. Explain/ how/ he should behave/ I/ to my friend
16. Does/ always/ carefully/ Sharon/ in her room/ her homework
17. Delivered/ to us/ last week/ the greengrocer/ the vegetables
18. In class/ Jonathan/ answers/ never/ correctly/ anything
19. Quietly/ all afternoon/ we/ were studying/ In our room
20. We/ explained/ two days ago/ to Haim/ the problem

Remember

- If you do not practice you will not understand.
- If you still do not understand after practice –
 - Ask your teacher to explain again.