

### **VERB + OBJECT**

The most common order of words in sentences is as follows:

### Subject + Verb + Object

Examples:

- Sally speaks English.
- John reads the newspaper.

### **PLACE & TIME**

In English, the place is usually mentioned before the time.

Examples:

- I go to the supermarket every Saturday.  
(NOT: I go every Saturday to the supermarket)
- Bill has lived in London for 10 years.  
(NOT: Bill has lived for 10 years in London)

### **ADVERBS OF FREQUENCY**

Adverbs of frequency such as always, never, sometimes, often, rarely, etc. generally go before the verb.

Examples:

- Susan often goes shopping.
- I never gamble.
- They always sleep early.

However, with the verb to be, they go after the verb.

Examples:

- She is rarely late.
- He is never home before dark.

They can also go between two verbs.

Examples:

- I will always remember my brother.
- I have never been to Japan.