

always/usually/often etc. (word order 2)

A

These words (**always/never** etc.) go with the verb in the middle of a sentence:

always	often	ever	rarely	also	already	all
usually	sometimes	never	seldom	just	still	both

- My brother **never speaks** to me.
- She's **always** late.
- Do you **often go** to restaurants?
- I **sometimes eat** too much. (or **Sometimes** I eat too much.)
- A: Don't forget to phone Laura.
B: I've **already phoned** her.
- I've got three sisters. They're **all** married.

B

Always/never etc. go *before* the verb:

verb

always	go
often	play
never	have
etc.	etc.

- I **always drink** coffee in the morning.
(*not* I drink always coffee)
- Helen **often goes** to London.
(*not* Helen goes often)
- You **sometimes look** unhappy.
- They **usually have** dinner at 7 o'clock.
- We **rarely watch** TV. or
We **seldom watch** TV.
- Richard is a good footballer. He **also plays** tennis and volleyball.
(*not* He plays also tennis)
- I've got three sisters. They **all live** in London.

But **always/never** etc. go *after* **am/is/are/was/were**:

am	always
is	often
are	never
was	etc.
were	

- I **am always** tired.
(*not* I always am tired)
- They **are never** at home during the day.
- It **is usually** very cold here in winter.
- When I was a child, I **was often** late for school.
- A: Where's Laura?
B: She's **still** in bed.
- I've got two brothers. They're **both** doctors.

C

Always/never etc. go *between* two verbs (**have ... been / can ... find** etc.):

verb 1


verb 2

will	always	go
can		find
do	often	remember
etc.	never	etc.
have	etc.	gone
has		been
		etc.

- I **will always** remember you.
- It **doesn't often** rain here.
- Do you usually go** to work by car?
- I **can never** find my keys.
- Have you ever been** to Egypt?
- A: Where's Laura?
B: She's **just gone** out. (She's = She has)
- My friends **have all gone** to the cinema.

Exercises

94.1 Read Paul's answers to the questions. Write sentences about Paul with **often/never** etc.



1 Do you ever play tennis?
2 Do you get up early?
3 Are you ever late for work?
4 Do you ever get angry?
5 Do you ever go swimming?
6 Are you at home in the evenings?



Yes, often.
Yes, always.
No, never.
Sometimes.
Rarely.
Yes, usually.

Paul
Paul often plays tennis.
He
He
.....
.....
.....

94.2 Write these sentences with **never/always/usually** etc.

- 1 My brother speaks to me. (never) *My brother never speaks to me.*
- 2 Susan is polite. (always) Susan
- 3 I finish work at 5 o'clock. (usually) I
- 4 Sarah has started a new job. (just) Sarah
- 5 I go to bed before midnight. (rarely)
- 6 The bus isn't late. (usually)
- 7 I don't eat fish. (often)
- 8 I will forget what you said. (never)
- 9 Have you lost your passport? (ever)
- 10 Do you work in the same place? (still)
- 11 They stay in the same hotel. (always)
- 12 Jane doesn't work on Saturdays. (usually)
- 13 Is Tina here? (already)
- 14 What do you have for breakfast? (usually)
- 15 I can remember his name. (never)

94.3 Write sentences with **also**.

- 1 Do you play football? (tennis) *Yes, and I also play tennis.*
- 2 Do you speak Italian? (French) Yes, and I
- 3 Are you tired? (hungry) Yes, and
- 4 Have you been to England? (Ireland) Yes,
- 5 Did you buy any clothes? (some books)

94.4 Write sentences with **both** and **all**.



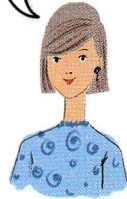
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I play football.
I'm a student.
I've got a car.



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- 1 *They both live in London.*
- They football.
..... students.
..... cars.

I'm married. I was born in England.
I live in New York.



- 2 They married.
They England.

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94.1

- 2 He always gets up early.
- 3 He's/He is never late for work.
- 4 He sometimes gets angry.
- 5 He rarely goes swimming.
- 6 He's/He is usually at home in the evenings.

94.2

- 2 Susan is always polite.
- 3 I usually finish work at 5 o'clock.
- 4 Sarah has just started a new job.
- 5 I rarely go to bed before midnight.
- 6 The bus isn't usually late.
- 7 I don't often eat fish.
- 8 I will never forget what you said.
- 9 Have you ever lost your passport?
- 10 Do you still work in the same place?
- 11 They always stay in the same hotel.
- 12 Jane doesn't usually work on Saturdays.
- 13 Is Tina already here?
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- 15 I can never remember his name.

94.3

- 2 Yes, and I also speak French.
- 3 Yes, and I'm also hungry.
- 4 Yes, and I've also been to Ireland.
- 5 Yes, and I also bought some books.

94.4

- 1 They both play football.
They're/They are both students.
They've both got cars. / They both have cars.
- 2 They're/They are all married.
They were all born in England.
They all live in New York.