Word Order

CEFR A2 · Adjectives, adverbs and the order of extra information

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Worksheet 1: Adjective Order

Name: _____ Date: _____ Level: A2 (CEFR)

Reference: The Usual Order of Adjectives

When we use more than one adjective before a noun, they follow a usual order: **opinion → size → age → shape → colour → origin → material**, then the noun. We do not put a comma between adjectives of different types.

Opinion	Size	Age / Colour	Noun
a lovely	big	old	house
a	small	brown	dog
a	long	blue	coat
a	tiny	red	car

> **Opinion comes before fact: ✗ a red beautiful car → ✓ a beautiful red car.**

Part A – Put the Adjectives in Order

1. (red / a / big) ball → _____
2. (old / an / interesting) book → _____
3. (black / a / small) cat → _____
4. (round / a / wooden) table → _____
5. (young / a / tall) man → _____

Part B – Correct the Order

#	Wrong order	Correction
1	a green nice jacket	
2	an American old car	
3	a plastic small box	
4	a cotton white shirt	

Score: _____ / 20

Worksheet 2: Adverbs of Frequency

Name: _____ Date: _____ Level: A2 (CEFR)

Reference: Before the Verb, After 'be'

Adverbs of frequency (**always, usually, often, sometimes, rarely, never**) go **before** the main verb but **after** the verb *be*. With *sometimes* and *usually*, the start of the sentence is also possible.

Rule	Example
before the main verb	I **always** walk to work.
after *be*	She **is often** late.
before the main verb (with auxiliary: after it)	They have **never** been abroad.
sometimes/usually can start a sentence	**Sometimes** we eat out.

Part A – Put the Adverb in the Right Place

1. (usually) I / get up / at seven. → _____
2. (never) She / eats / meat. → _____
3. (always) He / is / friendly. → _____
4. (often) We / go / to the beach. → _____
5. (rarely) They / are / at home. → _____

Part B – Correct the Order

#	Wrong sentence	Correction
1	I go always to school by bus.	
2	She never is tired in the morning.	
3	We eat sometimes at restaurants.	
4	He is late usually for work.	

Score: _____ / 25

Worksheet 3: Manner, Place & Time

Name: _____ Date: _____ Level: A2 (CEFR)

Reference: How → Where → When

When a sentence has several adverbials, the usual order at the end is **Manner (how) → Place (where) → Time (when)**. The direct object stays right after the verb, before these adverbials.

Verb (+ Object)	Manner	Place	Time
She sang	beautifully	at the concert	last night.
He drove	slowly	through town	this morning.
We waited	quietly	outside	for an hour.

> **Put the object right after the verb: ✗ She sang at the concert a song. → ✓ She sang a song at the concert.**

Part A – Order the Adverbials

1. He worked (yesterday / hard / at the office). → He worked _____.
2. They played (in the garden / happily / all afternoon). → They played _____.
3. She spoke (at the meeting / clearly / this morning). → She spoke _____.

Part B – Build the Sentence

#	Parts	Sentence
1	carefully / the letter / she / wrote / at home	
2	ran / quickly / to the station / he / this morning	
3	the piano / plays / she / beautifully / every evening	
4	at the party / we / danced / all night / happily	

Part C – Correct the Order

1. She reads in bed every night quietly. → _____
2. He speaks fluently at work English. → _____
3. We arrived at the hotel late safely. → _____

Score: _____ / 30

Worksheet 4: Editing & Writing

Name: _____ Date: _____ Level: A2 (CEFR)

Part A – Edit the Paragraph

This paragraph has **six** word-order errors (adjectives, frequency adverbs, or manner/ place/ time). Underline and correct them.

> My sister has a car red small. She drives always carefully. Every morning she goes to work by car, and she arrives usually early. At the weekend, we go often to a nice old café in the centre. She drinks slowly her coffee and reads the news. Sometimes are we there for hours. I enjoy really these mornings.

#	Error	Correction
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		

Part B – Writing

Write 80–100 words describing your daily routine. Use at least **two adjective combinations**, **two frequency adverbs**, and put **manner/place/time** in the correct order. Underline your adverbs.

#	Line
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	

Adjectives: _____ / 2 Frequency: _____ / 2 Score: _____ / 35

Answer Key & Teacher Notes

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Worksheet 1 – Part A

1 a big red ball · 2 an interesting old book · 3 a small black cat · 4 a round wooden table · 5 a tall young man

Worksheet 1 – Part B

1 a nice green jacket · 2 an old American car · 3 a small plastic box · 4 a white cotton shirt

Opinion adjectives come first; material comes last, right before the noun.

Worksheet 2 – Part A

1 I usually get up at seven. · 2 She never eats meat. · 3 He is always friendly. · 4 We often go to the beach. · 5 They are rarely at home.

Worksheet 2 – Part B

1 I always go to school by bus. · 2 She is never tired in the morning. · 3 We sometimes eat at restaurants. / Sometimes we eat… · 4 He is usually late for work.

Worksheet 3 – Part A

1 hard at the office yesterday · 2 happily in the garden all afternoon · 3 clearly at the meeting this morning

Worksheet 3 – Part B

1 She wrote the letter carefully at home. · 2 He ran quickly to the station this morning. · 3 She plays the piano beautifully every evening. · 4 We danced happily at the party all night.

Worksheet 3 – Part C

1 She reads quietly in bed every night. · 2 He speaks English fluently at work. · 3 We arrived safely at the hotel late.

Order to drill: Manner → Place → Time; the object stays directly after the verb.

Worksheet 4 – Part A

1 a small red car · 2 She always drives carefully. · 3 she usually arrives early · 4 we often go · 5 She drinks her coffee slowly · 6 Sometimes we are there / We are sometimes there (and: I really enjoy — accept as sixth)

Worksheet 4 – Part B: Marking Guide

Criterion	Descriptor	Marks
Adjective order	Two+ combinations in correct order	0–4
Frequency adverbs	Placed before main verb / after be	0–4
Manner/place/time	Correct end-order; object after verb	0–3
Task & length	80–100 words; routine described clearly	0–4