

# WORD ORDER

## A verb + object

Sue reads a newspaper every day.

subject verb object

The *verb* (reads) and the *object* (a newspaper) are usually together. We say:

- Sue reads a newspaper every day.

(not 'Sue reads every day a newspaper.')



SUE (SUBJECT) A NEWSPAPER (OBJECT)

### verb + object

He speaks English very well. (not 'He speaks very well English.')

I like Italian food very much. (not 'I like very much ...')

Did you watch television all evening? (not 'Did you watch all evening ...?')

We invited a lot of people to the party. (not 'We invited to the party ...')

Paul often wears a black hat. (not 'Paul wears often ...')

I opened the door quietly.

Why do you always make the same mistake?

I'm going to borrow some money from the bank.

## B place and time

We went to a party last night.

place time

Place (to a party) is usually before time (last night). We say:

- We went to a party last night. (not 'We went last night to a party.')

### place

(where?)

### time

(when? how long? how often?)

Liz walks to work every day. (not '... every day to work')

Will you be at home this evening? (not '... this evening at home?')

I usually go to bed early. (not '... early to bed')

We arrived at the airport at 7 o'clock.

They've lived in the same house for 20 years.

Jim's father has been in hospital since June.

### Ex 1: Right or wrong ?

- 1) Did you watch all evening TV?
- 2) I like very much this picture.
- 3) Tom started last week his new job.
- 4) I want to speak English fluently.
- 5) I drink every day three cups of coffee.

### Ex 2: Put the words in order:

- 1) we/enjoyed/very much/the party/
- 2) did you buy/ in England/ that jacket/?/
- 3) every day/do/the same things/we/
- 4) in October/ Barbara/ to university/is going/
- 5) my umbrella/ I/last night/ left /in a restaurant.

### Ex 3: Write these sentences with the word in brackets (...):

- 1) My brother speaks to me. (never)
- 2) Susan is polite. (always)
- 3) I go to bed before midnight. (rarely)
- 4) The bus isn't late. (usually)

- 5) Diane doesn't work on Saturdays. (usually)
- 6) I can remember his name. (never)
- 7) We finish work at 5PM. (usually)
- 8) What do you have for breakfast? (usually)