

Frequency adverbs (every day, once a week ...)

To ask about frequency, use the question *How often ...?*

The order is *How often + do + subject + verb.*
How often do you watch foreign films?

We can give a specific answer with *every + day / week / month / year*, etc.
I go to the cinema every week.

We can say the number of times we do something with *once / twice / three times / four times + a day / week / month / year*, etc.
 (once = one time; twice = two times)

The frequency adverb normally goes at the end of the sentence.
I have my English class twice a week.

Frequency adverbs (always, often ...)

To give a more general answer about frequency, use *always, often, sometimes, not often, never*.

With most verbs the order is subject + frequency adverb + verb.
I sometimes watch TV on the internet.

With *be* the order is subject + *be* + frequency adverb.
She is always late.

can

Use *can + verb* (without *to*) to talk about possibilities.
We can use the company's sports club.
 Not: ~~*We can to use the company's sports club.*~~

Can does not change in the third person.
I can use the company car.
My wife can use the company car too.

To form the negative, add *not* (*'t*).
I can't walk to my office.
She can't eat for free.

To form questions, the order is *Can + subject + verb.*
Can you use the company car?
Can she make personal calls?

Adverbs with can

Use *can / can't + verb* to describe abilities.
I can type. I can't speak German.

Use adverbs to describe how we do things. We form most adverbs by adding *ly* to the adjective: *quick - quickly, bad - badly*
He can type very quickly. They speak English badly.

If the adjective ends in *y*, we form the adverb with *ily*: *noisy - noisily*

Some adverbs are irregular: *good - well, fast - fast.*
She plays the piano well. He can swim very fast.

was / were

Affirmative	Negative	Question	Short answer
I / He / She / It was.	I / He / She / It wasn't (was not).	Was I / he / she / it?	Yes, I / he / she / it was. No, I / he / she / it wasn't.
You / We / They were.	You / We / They weren't (were not).	Were you / we / they?	Yes, you / we / they were. No, you / we / they weren't.

Was / were is the past form of the verb *be*.
We were late for work today.

Form the negative with *was + not* (*'t*).
I wasn't good at maths.

Questions with was / were

For *yes / no* questions use *Was / Were + subject.*
Were you a good student?

For other questions the order is *Wh-* question word + *was / were + subject.* *Where was your school?*

Units 5 & 6 Exercises

Frequency adverbs (every day, once a week ...)

1 Put the words in the correct order to make questions. Then answer them.

- cinema do go you How to the often ?
- often do the How you watch news ?
- friends How see often you do your ?
- have English often How your class do you ?
- you documentaries often How do watch ?

Frequency adverbs (always, often ...)

2 Rewrite these sentences with the frequency adverb in the correct position.

- I watch TV with my wife. (never)
- The children are in front of the TV when I get home. (often)
- He plays video games. (sometimes)
- She is the first to get to the English class. (always)
- They go on holiday abroad. (not often)
- We go to bed early. (often)

3 Correct the sentences.

- Never I watch TV in the mornings.
- They go the cinema one a month.
- She goes to the gym every weeks.
- How often you go home for lunch?
- I get up at 6.00am three time a week.
- We not often play computer games.
- He often is late for work.
- I go to an exhibition two times a year.

can

4 Write sentences based on the information in the table.

You can swim.

	swim	spek Arabic	drive
you	✓	✗	?
he	?	✓	✗
they	✗	?	✓

5 Find and correct six mistakes in the dialogue.

A: Do you can use a computer?

B: Well, I can to do basic things: I'm can write documents and send emails but I can't do anything complicated. My brother's the expert. He works in computer graphics and he cans do programming.

A: Perhaps he can to help me with my computer.

B: I'll ask him.

Adverbs with can

6 Write positive and negative sentences with *can* using the prompts.

I / type / quick (✓) I can type quickly.

- I / swim / quick (✓)
- He / draw / good (✗)
- They / play the piano / good (✓)
- You / Speak English / good (✗)
- She / speak / quiet (✗)
- She / learn new things / easy (✓)

was / were

7 Complete the sentences with *was*, *were*, *wasn't* or *weren't*.

Last week my family and I (1) _____ in Morocco on holiday. We (2) _____ in Marrakesh. We (3) _____ happy with the hotel – it was dirty! And the weather (4) _____ good – it rained every day! But the people (5) _____ friendly and the food (6) _____ delicious.

8 Complete the questions with *Was* or *Were*. Then match the questions to the answers.

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| 1 _____ you late for work? | a No, they weren't. |
| 2 _____ the film scary? | b No, he wasn't. |
| 3 _____ your mother at home? | c No, it wasn't. |
| 4 _____ we in the newspaper? | d Yes, I was. |
| 5 _____ your parents on holiday? | e Yes, she was. |
| 6 _____ your brother at work? | f Yes, we were. |