

Die Satzstellung im Englischen

EXAMPLES:

Zeit (selten auch Ort)	Subjekt: Wer tut etwas?	Prädikat: Was passiert? (evtl. mit Adverb der Häufigkeit)	Objekt: Was oder wer ist beteiligt?	Ort	Zeit
In the morning	Peter and I	<i>always</i> have	a cup of coffee	In the kitchen.	
	He	has <i>never</i> played	volleyball	at the beach	In the afternoon.
	You	can <i>often</i> see	them	in the garden	at night.
When I was a child	I	<i>always</i> wanted to meet	my favorite actor	in London	

EXERCISE 1

Fill in the table to translate sentences b-d!

EXAMPLE:

- a) Die Kinder lesen abends im Bett immer ein Buch.
(a book – read – in the evening – in bed – the kids – always)

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a) (In the evening)	the kids	always read	a book	in bed	(in the evening).
b)					
c)					
d)					
e)					

- b) Joe öffnet sein Geschenk nach dem Abendessen im Wohnzimmer.
(opens – in the living room – Joe – his present – after dinner)
- c) Oma besucht uns jeden Sonntag. (visits – Grandma – every Sunday – us)
- d) Wir spielen oft am Wochenende im Garten Fußball.
(in the garden – play – football – at the weekend – we – often)
- e) Montags kaufe ich manchmal Butter im Supermarkt.
(butter – buy – I – on Mondays – at the supermarket – sometimes)

EXERCISE 2

SVO (Subjekt-Verb-Objekt) and place before time.

A German student has translated these sentences into English, but she has made a few mistakes. Find them and correct them.

German	Wrong translation
a) Abends schauen wir fern.	In the evening watch we TV.
b) Tina geht nachmittags an den Strand.	Tina goes in the afternoon to the beach.
c) Montags spiele ich Fußball.	On Mondays play I football.
d) Sie treffen ihre Freunde um acht Uhr am Kino.	They meet their friends at 8 o'clock at the cinema.

EXERCISE 3

Put the words in the right order.

- a) played – in my room – my friends – last night – chess
- b) Grandma – all her friends – in the afternoon – often – invites – to her place
- c) have – talked about – the kids – this movie – sometimes
- d) visit – in London – Jane – in the summer holidays – can – her grandpa
- e) meet – usually – the teenagers – at the weekend – at the youth club
- f) never – I – try – Indian Food – at this restaurant
- g) a week ago – played – we – football – at the park
- h) borrowed – Nick – my book – on Monday – at school

EXERCISE 4

Translate the sentences into English.

- a) Ich kann morgen meinen Freund nicht besuchen.
- b) Am Nachmittag spielen die Kinder im Garten Tennis.
- c) Mein Lehrer hat die Klassenarbeiten noch nie am nächsten Tag zurückgegeben.
- d) Lisa hat abends immer über diese Party geredet.

EXERCISE 5

The sentences below are wrong. Correct the mistakes and tick the rule which has been broken:

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d) I have seen never your friend.			
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