

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

A

These words (**always/never**, etc.) are 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 call Laura.
B: I **already called** her.
- I have three sisters. They're **all** married.

B

Always/never, etc. are before the verb:

verb

always	go
often	play
never,	have,
etc.	etc.

- I **always drink** coffee in the morning.
(not I drink always coffee)
- Sarah **often goes** to Chicago on business.
(not Sarah goes often)
- You **sometimes look** unhappy.
- They **usually have** dinner at 7:00.
- We **rarely watch** TV. or
We **seldom watch** TV.
- Nick is a good swimmer. He **also plays** tennis and volleyball.
(not He plays also tennis)
- I have three sisters. They **all live** in the same city.

But always/never, etc. are 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 the winter.
- When I **was a child**, I **was often** late for school.
- A: Where's Laura?
B: She's **still** in bed.
- I have two brothers. They're **both** doctors.

C

Always/never, etc. are between two verbs (have ... been / can ... find, etc.):

verb 1

verb 2

will	go
can	find
do,	remember,
etc.	etc.

have	gone
has	been,

- I **will always remember** you.
- It **doesn't often rain** here.
- Do you **usually drive** to work?
- I **can never find** my keys.
- Have you **ever been** to Egypt?
- Did the phone **just ring**?
- They **were all invited** to the wedding.

Exercises

92.1 Read Eric's answers to the questions. Write sentences about Eric with **often/never/ever**, 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.

Eric **often** plays tennis.

He

He

92.2 Write these sentences with **never/always/usually**, etc.

- 1 My brother speaks to me. (never)
- 2 Jessica is polite. (always)
- 3 I finish work at 5:00. (usually)
- 4 Sarah started a new job. (just)
- 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 at the same hotel. (always)
- 12 Liz doesn't work on Saturdays. (usually)
- 13 Is Megan here? (already)
- 14 What do you have for breakfast? (usually)
- 15 I can remember his name. (never)

My brother **never** speaks to me.

Jessica

I

Sarah

92.3 Write sentences with **also**.

- 1 Do you play football? (basketball)
- 2 Do you speak Italian? (French)
- 3 Are you tired? (hungry)
- 4 Have you been to Mexico? (Guatemala)
- 5 Did you buy any clothes? (some books)

Yes, and I **also** play basketball.

Yes, and I

Yes, and

Yes,

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



I live in Lima.
I play soccer.
I'm a student.
I have a car.



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I play soccer.
I'm a student.
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1 They **both** live in Lima.

They soccer. students. cars.

I'm married. I was born in Colombia.
I live in Miami.



2 They married.
They Colombia.