

## Die Satzstellung im Englischen

Die Wortstellung im englischen Satz lautet folgendermaßen:					
Zeit (seltener: Ort)	Subjekt	Prädikat (+ <i>Adverb der Häufigkeit</i> )	Objekt	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)

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)

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

**EXERCISE 2** SVO 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: Subject – Verb – Object, Place before Time, or Position of Adverb.

	SVO	PbT	PoA
a) My sister has the cat seen.			
b) Yesterday went we to the beach.			
c) I meet my friend in the morning at the bus stop.			
d) I have seen never your friend.			
e) Caroline invited yesterday all her friends to the party.			
f) You can five languages speak.			
g) She has talked always about this trip.			
h) We played cards yesterday at the club.			

## Lösungen

## EXERCISE 1

Zeit / Ort	Subjekt	Prädikat (+ <i>Adverb der Häufigkeit</i> )	Objekt	Ort	Zeit
a) (In the evening)	the kids	always read	a book	in bed	(in the evening).
b) (After dinner)	Joe	<i>opens</i>	his present	in the living room	(after dinner)
c) (Every Sunday)	grandma	<i>visits</i>	us		(every Sunday).
d) (At the weekend)	we	<i>often play</i>	football	in the garden	(at the weekend).
e) (On Mondays)	I	<i>sometimes buy</i>	butter	at the supermarket	(on Mondays)

## EXERCISE 2

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

## EXERCISE 3 Put the words in the right order.

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

## EXERCISE 4 Übersetzen Sie ins Englische.

- a) I can't visit my friends tomorrow.  
 b) In the afternoon the children play tennis in the garden.  
 c) My teacher has never returned the class tests on the next day.  
 d) Lisa has always talked about this party in the evening. / In the evening, Lisa ...

EXERCISE 5 The sentences below are wrong. Correct the mistakes and tick the rule which has been broken:  
Subject – Verb – Object, Place before Time, or Position of Adverb.

	SVO	PbT	PoA
a) My sister has <b>seen the cat.</b>	x		
b) Yesterday <b>we went</b> to the beach.	x		
c) I meet my friend <b>at the bus stop in the morning.</b>		x	
d) I have <b>never seen</b> your friend.			x
e) Caroline invited all her friends to the party <b>yesterday.</b>	x	x	
f) You can <b>speak</b> five languages.	x		
g) She has <b>always</b> talked about this trip.			x
h) We played cards at the club <b>yesterday.</b>		x	