WORD ORDER

The word order of a normal English sentence is:

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SUBJECT                VERB                                      OBJECT(s)        (REST)
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(How often?)

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Manner (How?)          PLACE (Where?)                       TIME (When?)
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Examples:

"My friend wanted to get something quickly from Ikea on a long Saturday."

"She ended up waiting in a line for two hours."

**REMEMBER!** Do **not** separate the verb and the object. (This is often done in German.)

Exercises

A) Put the sentences in to correct order.

1. I play twice a week football.

2. At 8 o'clock eat we in the kitchen our breakfast.

3. My boss is driving tomorrow to Vienna.

4. I drink never in the afternoon coffee.

5. He always can on his girlfriend depend.
B) Write a sentence using the following words. (Don't just number the words.)

1. the kitchen - tomorrow - paint - I - white - will

2. clean - afterwards - will - the carpet - I - thoroughly

3. the pictures - hang up - one by one - then - in the living room - I - will

4. soon - should - a new lamp - we - for the living room - buy

5. this week - I - fix - won't - the faucet

6. carry - next week - the old furniture - we - to the attic - will

7. a TV - having - I - in the living room - don't like

8. easily - can't - people - in front of a TV - talk

9. for the front hall - want to - a coat tree - I - buy

10. white curtains - have - I - in every room - would like to

C) Review the rules for Adverbs of Frequency (page T7-8). Add the word in parentheses to the sentence in the correct position.

1. Mary studies at the library. (usually)

2. George gets home before midnight. (hardly ever)

3. Children should talk to strangers. (never)

4. This bus is late. (always)

5. Susan visits her grandparents. (regularly)

6. Susan visits her grandparents. (twice a week)

7. Professor Smith falls asleep during class. (occasionality)

8. My dog barks at shadows. (sometimes)

9. The teacher is in a bad mood. (often)

10. She will come over after the movie. (probably)