

Basic Word Order: Subject, Verb, Object

A normal English sentence goes **subject** → **verb** → **object**: *Ana drinks coffee*. After that come **how, where and when**, usually in that order: *I met her at the station yesterday*. English rarely moves these around: the order is what shows who does what.

Ana drinks coffee every morning.



1. Choose the right answer Circle a or b.

- I _____.
a) love pizza very much b) love very much pizza
- We _____.
a) went last summer to Greece b) went to Greece last summer
- She _____ a present.
a) gave me b) gave to me
- He _____.
a) speaks Spanish fluently b) speaks fluently Spanish
- I met her _____.
a) yesterday at the station b) at the station yesterday

2. Correct the mistake

Each sentence has one mistake. Write the correct sentence.

1. I like very much coffee.

2. I yesterday went to the cinema.

3. She speaks very well English.

3. Your turn

Write three sentences of your own that use this rule. You can use these phrases.

...very much

...every day

...at home

...on Monday

Yesterday, ...

Last year, ...

See the rule move

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1. Choose the right answer

1. **a) love pizza very much** Nothing goes between the verb and its object.
2. **b) went to Greece last summer** Place usually comes before time.
3. **a) gave me** Person first with no to, or the thing first with to: gave a present to me.
4. **a) speaks Spanish fluently** The object comes right after the verb.
5. **b) at the station yesterday** Place usually comes before time.

2. Correct the mistake

1. **I like coffee very much.** Nothing goes between the verb and its object.
2. **Yesterday I went to the cinema. / I went to the cinema yesterday.** Time goes at the end or at the start, not between subject and verb.
3. **She speaks English very well.** The object (English) comes right after the verb; how comes after that.

3. Your turn

Answers will vary. Check that each sentence follows the rule on page 1, or paste them into Clarigram to have them checked.