

Adverb of Frequency



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The word which expresses frequency or how often something occurs is called 'adverb of frequency'.

Adverbs of Frequency are: twice, often, once, seldom, again, frequently, hourly, daily, always, never, sometimes, everyday, now & then, again & again, rarely, three times / twice a day, every week, usually, ever, normally, regularly, etc.

Examples : (1) An adverb of definite frequency.

eg. We get paid hourly.

(2) An Adverb of indefinite frequency.

eg, I usually get up late on weekends.





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ENGLISH GRAMMAR

Adverbs of Frequency always tell us how often something takes place either in definite or indefinite terms.



ADVERBS OF INDEFINITE FREQUENCY



ADVERBS OF DEFINITE FREQUENCY

- Adverbs of definite frequency occur at the beginning or the end of a sentence.
- An adverb that describes definite frequency is one such as **weekly/every week**, **daily/every day**, or **yearly/every year**, **once a month**, **twice a year**, **four times a day**, **every other week**, etc.

FOR EXAMPLE:

- The library is open **every day**.
- He visits his grandpa **every two weeks**.
- The moon waxes and wanes **every month**.
- This medicine is to be taken **hourly**.



USE



THE ADVERBS OF FREQUENCY ARE USED TO TALK ABOUT HOW OFTEN AN ACTION TAKES PLACE.



POSITION

THE ADVERBS OF FREQUENCY ARE PLACED BEFORE THE MAIN VERB BUT AFTER THE VERB "TO BE".

ADVERBS OF FREQUENCY

These answer the question how many times?

- ⊗ This adverb comes after the verb 'to be':

She is **always** honest.

- ⊗ Comes before simple tenses of all other verbs:

They **sometimes** spend the whole of Saturday fishing.

- ⊗ Comes after the first auxiliary in a tense consisting of more than one verb:

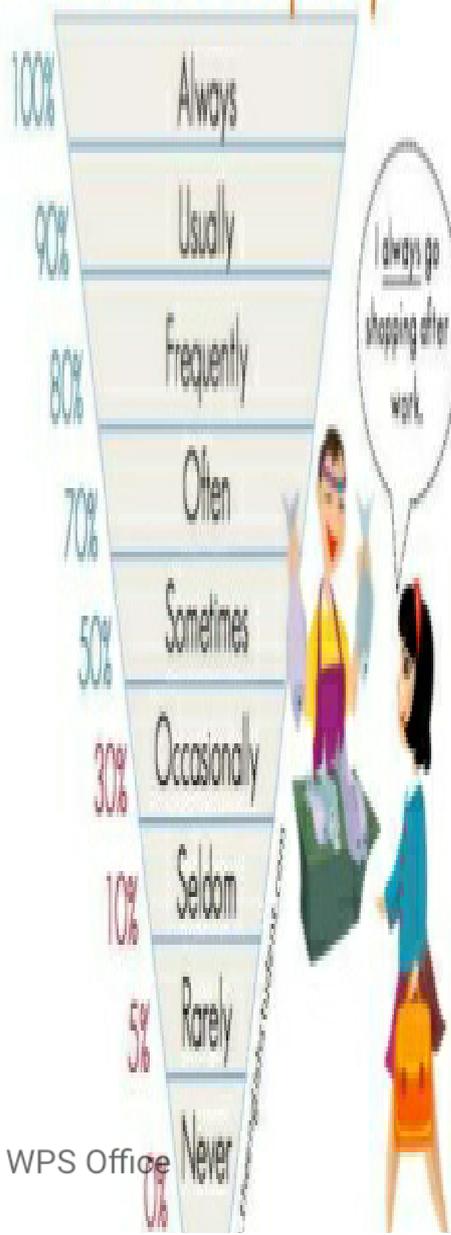
I have **often** wondered how they did that.
I can **sometimes** go without food for days.

- ⊗ Note: with 'used to' and 'have' the frequency adverb is usually placed in front:

We **always** used to look forward to the school holidays.

He **never** has any trouble with his old cat.

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B. Put the frequency adverbs and expressions in the right place.

1. Susan is late for school. (never)

2. My brother doesn't write letters to his friends. (usually)

3. We go on holidays. (twice a year)

4. Peter wears a tie. (sometimes)

5. I eat fish. (once a week)

6. Do the children watch TV? (often)

7. My father is very busy. (always)

8. Peter tidies his room. (never)

9. My brother and I go fishing. (every week)

10. My mother goes shopping on Saturdays. (always)

11. Do you get up late at the weekend? (usually)

12. I drink tea. (every morning)

13. Mary rides her motorbike to work. (sometimes)



5. Choose the correct adverbs of frequency to complete the sentences.

a. Sayantan cooks for us
(quietly/often/here)

b. I go to my dad's
office. (never/early/cheerfully)

c. My friends
study together. (at home/frequently/loudly)

d. Birds come to this sanctuary
(every November/sadly/hopefully)

e. The winter cold stays here after January.
(thankfully/surely/rarely)

f. We visit the beach every year.
(every month/at night/usually)



6. Underline the adverbs in the sentences here. Identify the type of adverb it is. Write M/P/T/F (manner/place/time/frequency) beside each sentence. A sentence may have one or two adverbs.

- a. Six fishermen went fishing in a lake one day.
- b. They started very early in the morning.
- c. They often go fishing at that time.
- d. But this was a different day with a heavy storm rolling in slowly.
- e. After a while, a strong wind toppled their boat.
- f. They fell into the water but managed to swim to the shore.
- g. One fisherman said, "Let's count if all the six of us are here."
- h. Each of them counted one to five leaving himself out every time.
- i. They worried that one of them had drowned in the deep lake.
- j. Suddenly, they saw a stranger coming towards them, and told him how they had lost a friend.
- k. The stranger laughed out loudly and counted them one to six.
- l. The six fishermen came back to the village, singing happily.

3. Tick the correct adverb of place for each sentence by choosing from the choices in the second column. Then, complete each sentence using the correct adverb.

sentence	adverbs
a. We carry our raincoats as it always rains	now/heavily/here.
b. My lamb grazes	always/in the field/in the morning.
c. As we were tired, we stayed	at home/afternoon/never.
d. Come and study with me	in the evening/at my house.
e. The soldiers dug a bunk	yesterday/sometimes/under the ground.
f. Bulbul never speaks in Spanish	on Sundays/at school/at night.

Thank you!