

# 12.1 Word order for Chinese speakers

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**Total: 16 marks**

**KEY WORDS** spine

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### Objective

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Supported preparation: Keep the S-V-O spine straight; Pack the tail how, where, when. This is original classroom practice, not an official exam paper.

### 1 Key knowledge and worked examples

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**The train.** Spine: subject, verb, object, never bent for time. Tail: manner, place, time, in that order, at the end. Adverb ladder: frequency before the main verb and after be; manner at the end or before the verb; time last. Questions: hook (do/does/did) + spine; the object never climbs to the front.

### 2 Practice

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**2.1** Name the three cars of the spine in order. [3]

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**2.2** Order the tail: yesterday / in the park / happily / played / We. [1]

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**2.3** Adverb home: She is busy, with never. [1]

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**2.4** Build the question: you / do / where / live? [1]

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**2.5** Where does time ride in the English train?

[1]

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### 3 Exam-style questions

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**3.1** (*Repair style.*) Repair into English order: I yesterday met my friend; This question I do not understand.

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**3.2** (*Tail style.*) Add manner, place and time to: She sang. Use beautifully / in the hall / last night.

[3]

**3.3** (*Adverb style.*) Place often: He drives; and place always: They are happy.

[2]

## Solutions

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**2.1** Subject (1); verb (1); object (1).

**2.2** We played happily in the park yesterday (1).

**2.3** She is never busy (1).

**2.4** Where do you live? (1).

**2.5** At the very end (the caboose), or the very start for emphasis with a comma (1).

**3.1** First sentence repaired (1); its time at the end (1); second sentence repaired (1); its object inside the spine (1).

**3.2** She sang beautifully (1) in the hall (1) last night (1).

**3.3** He often drives (1); They are always happy (1).

Local review guidance: (R1) 3.1 straightens the spine before placing time; 3.2 keeps the how-where-when order; 3.3 uses the two adverb homes. Authored guidance.