

12.1 Word order for Chinese speakers

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KEY WORDS spine

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Objective

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

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

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

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

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

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

2.5 Where does time ride in the English train? [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 (*Repair style.*) Repair into English order: I yesterday met my friend; This question I do not understand. [4]

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

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.