

12.1 Word order for Chinese speakers

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

Total: 16 marks

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.

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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.

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