

The position of adverbs – Answer Key

1. Adverbs of frequency

Remember:

Adverbs of frequency (one word) usually stand BEFORE the full verb but AFTER a form of to be.

If the adverbs consist of **more than one word** you put them at the BEGINNING or at the END of the sentence.



Fill in the adverbs. More than one position can be correct.

Mr. Goodwill and Winston, the sausage dog

Mr. Goodwill and his dog Winston live together in a terraced house. They are very good friends and like to be together. So neither Mr. Goodwill nor Winston is **ever** lonely. They almost **always** spend their time together: First, **on certain¹ weekdays** they go to school together **on certain weekdays**. Secondly, they are together at their house, in their garden or go for long walks together.

From Monday to Friday Mr. Goodwill and Winston go to school together **from Monday to Friday**. When they are at school, Winston **usually** helps Mr. Goodwill. But **on Wednesdays** Winston **never** comes to school with Mr. Goodwill **on Wednesdays**, because **on Wednesdays** he goes to dog school **on Wednesdays**.

It is **always** Mrs. Ironlady who takes Winston and her dog Maggie there. **This year** the two dogs are together in form 3 **this year**. There Winston **usually** learns new tricks he absolutely loves. These tricks can be difficult, so he **sometimes** gets homework. He **always** does this homework **after lunch break**. Then he **normally** plays with a ball in the garden. He also **sometimes** does some extra exercises he learns at his dog's school.

In the evenings Mr. Goodwill **sometimes** goes out **in the evenings**. He **usually** goes to the pub and meets a friend. **Every Friday** he goes to his favourite pub 'Ye Olde Cheese' **every Friday**. There he **always** takes part in the famous pub quiz. Good for Winston: Mr. Goodwill is not **often** home late. But when he arrives home, Winston **always** comes to Mr. Goodwill and sniffles curiously. And then both of them are very happy to be together again!

¹ on certain weekdays: an bestimmten Werktagen

2. Adverbs of manner

Remember:
Adverbs of manner stand
AFTER full verbs (and their objects).



Change the adjectives to adverbs and decide for their correct places.

What does Mr. Goodwill do when he is not at school?

- > To school and back home Mr. Goodwill rides by bike. He can ride extremely **well**. He never rides **dangerously**. Even in bad weather, he rides his bike **joyfully** – maybe because he has a funny raincoat and all the people who see him smile **in a friendly way**?
- > In the afternoons and evenings, he thinks of the next school day. Then he prepares the lessons and tests for his students **carefully**.
- > In his free time Mr. Goodwill likes music very much. He does not only listen to music **silently**, but he also sings along **loudly**. And he can also play some instruments. For example, he can play the bagpipes **well** and he can even play the piano **fabulously**.
- > Mr. Goodwill sometimes likes to play tennis with another teacher. But he does not play very **masterfully**.
- > Unfortunately², he cannot dance **brilliantly**. He thinks that his neighbour Mrs. Merrygold likes to go dancing. This is why he looks at the dancers in the park **curiously**. He hopes that one day he can copy some steps with Mrs. Merrygold **easily**.
- > Of course, Mr. Goodwill likes football. He claps and cheers **happily** when his football team wins. And he almost cries **sadly** when his team plays **badly**.
- > The best time of the day, however³, is when Mr. Goodwill and Winston go out together: This is so much fun and both of them enjoy their time together **enormously**.

2 unfortunately: leider

3 however: jedomoch

3. Adverbs of place and time

Remember:
PLACE before TIME.



Fill in the adverbs.

place

time

A party!

Last Saturday was a special Saturday for Mr. Goodwill and Winston, because they were invited to a party. Their neighbour Mrs. Merrygold has a weekend cottage with a big garden. She often goes **there** **on Saturdays and Sundays**, because it is a wonderful place. She knew that the weather would be good and so she invited some friends and neighbours **to her cottage** **for Saturday at 8 pm**.

As the place lies outside town, Mr. Goodwill had to take Winston to the party by train. Before they could go to the party, however, they needed a small present for the hostess⁴. Winston wondered what to bring and thought about a big sausage for Mrs. Merrygold. "Oh no, it's flowers which are always great for a woman, my dear Winston," said Mr. Goodwill and so the two went **to a flower shop** **in the afternoon**.

With the flowers and a blanket against the cold the two set off for the train station **at 7 o'clock**. The trip did not take long and they arrived **at the right station** **at quarter past seven**. After a short walk, which Mr. Goodwill and Winston enjoyed very much, they came **to the pretty cottage** **at half past seven**. Mr. Goodwill wanted to help Mrs. Merrygold **in the kitchen** **before the other guests arrived** – and Winston knew that he also wanted to spend some time alone with her! But this is another story...

⁴ host, hostess: Gastgeber, Gastgeberin

When the guests came, Mrs. Merrygold served cold drinks **in front of the cottage** **at around 8 o'clock**. As Winston was a special guest, he did not only get a bowl of fresh water but also a sausage. Well, that was a start for a party!

Later they all had a picnic **in the grass** **this evening**. The guests ate snacks in glasses such as chicken salad, potatoes with dressing and fruit for dessert. For Winston Mrs. Merrygold had a sausage pie. What a feast⁵! Afterwards the guests talked about this and that while they sat **in chairs** **until it became dark**. For Winston this was a wonderful time, too: There were many hands which wanted to pet him.

Then Mrs. Merrygold surprised everyone: She had fireworks **at the back of the cottage** **at midnight**. First, Winston was a bit afraid of the fireworks' "bang", "boom" and "whoosh", which could be heard **all over the place** **around midnight**. But Mr. Goodwill held him **close to his body** **for the whole time of the fireworks** and as nothing bad happened he quickly calmed down. In the end, he enjoyed the fireworks' colours very much!

How Winston got **home** **after the fireworks**, he did not really know – so many sausages and impressions⁶... What a night!

5 What a feast: Welch ein Festmahl/ Schmaus

6 impressions: Eindrücke

4. Adverbs of frequency, of manner and adverbs of place and time

Remember:
MANNER before PLACE before TIME.



Fill in the adverbs.

frequency

manner

place

time

Winston and Mr. Goodwill on the way to school

- Before Mr. Goodwill goes to school **in the mornings**, Winston is **often** **at the front door**. He likes the students and waits for the lessons **eagerly**.
- Mr. Goodwill's bag **usually** lies **at the door** **from Monday to Friday**. He **always** packs his school bag **carefully**. He **usually** does that job **on Sunday evening**, so everything is prepared for the school day.
- When they are ready, Winston follows Mr. Goodwill **happily** **to the bike shed**⁷, because Mr. Goodwill rides by bike to school **every week day**.
- Winston **always** comes along but for Wednesdays, when he is **at dog school** **from 9 to 11 am**.
- Winston can follow Mr. Goodwill **easily** **to school**, because he can run **quickly**. They both enjoy their ride because of the fresh air, which makes them ready for the day. And so the day can start!

⁷ bike shed: Fahrradschuppen