28 Adverbs and word order

Chrissie usually watches football on Saturdays. She shouts loudly when her team plays well.

1 After the verb

We usually put adverbs of manner (e.g. *well, badly, quickly, slowly, quietly, loudly, easily, happily, carefully, perfectly*) after the verb:
Chrissie ***shouts loudly*** *when her team* ***plays well.***

If there is an object after the verb, we put the adverb after the object:

SUBJECT	VERB	OBJECT	ADVERB
He	*plays*		*well.*
He	*plays*	*football*	*well.*

2 Before the verb

We use adverbs of frequency to say how often we do something:

100% ← HOW OFTEN → 0%

always *usually* *often* *sometimes* *not often* *hardly ever* *rarely* *never*

We put these adverbs BEFORE present simple and past simple verbs:
I ***never eat*** *toast for breakfast. She* ***hardly ever plays*** *tennis. We* ***always walked*** *to school.*

But we put them AFTER:

- the verb *be*:
  She ***is always*** *late for work. We* ***are often*** *very busy.*
- an auxiliary verb or modal verb (e.g. *have, will, can* or *must*):
  I ***have never*** *watched a football match. You* ***can usually*** *get tickets on the Internet.*

3 At the end of the sentence

We usually put adverbs of place (e.g. *here, there, at the café*) and time (e.g. *yesterday, on Saturday, immediately, last week, every day, twice a month*) at the end of the sentence:
Do you have your lunch ***at the café?*** *We go to the cinema* ***twice a month.***
Chrissie watches football ***on Saturdays.***

Word order with more than one adverb ➤ Unit 72.3