

FREQUENCY ADVERBS

ENGLISH	FRENCH
1. always	
2. usually	
3. often	
4. sometimes	
5. rarely	
6. seldom	
7. hardly ever	
8. never	
9. and so on	

These words go **before** the main verb:

- I always go to work by car.
- Ann often plays tennis.
- You sometimes look unhappy.
- We rarely watch television.

WATCH OUT! We use the affirmative with *never* and *hardly ever*, not the negative.

- He hardly ever stays in bed late.

But these words go **after** the verb 'to be':

- I am never ill.
- They are usually at home in the evenings.
- It is often very cold here in winter.
- The traffic isn't usually that bad.

Frequency adverbs go **between two verbs or parts of verbs**:

- It doesn't often rain here.
- Do you usually go to work by car?
- I can never find my keys.
- He has usually got a lot of money.

Longer adverb phrases generally come **at the end** of the sentence:

- He goes to the cinema once a week / twice a month / three times a year.
- They listen to the radio every day.

