## SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE - FREQUENCY ADVERBS:

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<th>(a) always</th>
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<th>(e) seldom / rarely</th>
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(a) Bob **always** comes to class.
(b) I **usually** come to class on time.
(c) We **often** watch TV at night.
(d) I **sometimes** drink tea with dinner.
   
   *or*  
   **Sometimes** I drink tea with dinner.
   
   *or*  
   I drink tea with dinner **sometimes**.
(e) I **seldom** go to movies.
   Anna **rarely** makes a mistake.
(f) I **never** eat paper.

### A. Always, usually, often, sometimes, seldom, rarely, and never are called frequency adverbs or adverbs of frequency.

### B. Frequency adverbs come between the **subject** and verb:

- **always**
- **usually**
- **often**
- **sometimes**
- **seldom**
- **rarely**
- **never**

**SUBJECT** + **sometimes** + **VERB**

**SUBJECT** + **seldom** + **VERB**

**SUBJECT** + **rarely** + **VERB**

**SUBJECT** + **never** + **VERB**

### C. With the Verb-**BE**, the frequency adverbs come after the Verb-**BE**:

- **always**
- **usually**
- **often**

**SUBJECT** + **VERB-**BE + **sometimes** + **VERB**

**SUBJECT** + **VERB-**BE + **seldom** + **VERB**

**SUBJECT** + **VERB-**BE + **rarely** + **VERB**

**SUBJECT** + **VERB-**BE + **never** + **VERB**

### One time = once
### Two times = twice
### Three times
### Four times

A day / a week / a month / a year

### A. Change the percentage (%) into a frequency word in each sentence.

1. (0 percent) They **never** stay home.
2. (40 percent) ______________ they bring their dog.
3. (80 percent) They ______________ drive to the beach.
4. (90 percent) They ______________ take the train.
5. (60 percent) They ______________ bring friends with them.
6. (20% percent) They ______________ go swimming.
B. Unscramble the words to make good sentences. Remember to write periods (.) at the end of sentences.

1. does / always / my mother / the grocery shopping.
   My mother always does the grocery shopping.

2. cooks / usually / dinner / my father ________________________________

3. I / tired / am / during the day / often ________________________________

4. the dishes / sometimes / do / I ________________________________

5. does / my brother / seldom / anything ________________________________

C. Answer the question: How often do you ___?

1. How often do you sing in the shower?
   ________________________________

2. How often do you exercise?
   ________________________________

3. How often do you see the dentist?
   ________________________________

4. How often do you cook American food? What do you cook?
   ________________________________

5. How often do you read an English newspaper?
   ________________________________

6. How often do you drink coffee?
   ________________________________

7. How often do you wear red clothes? What’s your favorite color for clothes?
   ________________________________

8. How often do you drive a car?
   ________________________________

9. How often do you buy ice cream? What kind do you like?
   ________________________________

10. How often do you watch American movies?
    ________________________________