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1. in gym but the the I go watch sometimes I evening to usually TV
2. at the go work to sandwich lunch I near usually shop time my
3. up usually ten on Saturday o'clock I get around
4. late early ever minutes I hardly arrive for normally work I am ten
5. Saturday almost evening out with always I go on my friends
6. eight house usually the quarter to leave I at
7. Monday always go away up the occasionally but again weekend I'm I'll early for on
8. at seven up cup during I have o'clock get and always a of week coffee the
9. until don't work often o'clock I get six back from
10. o'clock asleep I ten am usually by
11. I do and afternoon often go in in the I the cycling housework morning
12. the never weekend work I at

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In this rewarding ESL activity, students practice writing and ordering sentences containing adverbs of frequency.

Before class, make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

Procedure

Divide the class into teams of three and give each student a copy of the worksheet.

Tell the students that they are going to put words into the correct order to make sentences that contain adverbs of frequency.

Students start with the first sentence on their worksheet. They put the words into the correct order to make an appropriate sentence, adding in any necessary punctuation.

The first team to call out the correct sentence wins three points.

Teams that shout out a wrong answer lose one point.

If everybody is stuck, then help them by giving the first two words of the sentence in the right order.

This continues until all 12 sentences have been completed.

When everyone has finished, tell the students to put the sentences into the correct order to form a text about someone's normal week. The first team to do this wins an additional five points.

The team with the highest score at the end wins.

Some sentences have other possible correct orders, which the students may come up with. If they come up with another possible sentence that makes sense, allow them the points.

Answer Key

1. During the week, I always get up at seven o'clock and have a cup of coffee.
2. I usually leave the house at quarter to eight.
3. I am hardly ever late for work. I normally arrive ten minutes early.
4. At lunch time, I usually go to the sandwich shop near my work.
5. I don't often get back from work until six o'clock.
6. In the evening, I usually watch TV, but sometimes I go to the gym.
7. I am usually asleep by ten o'clock.
8. I never work at the weekend.
9. On Saturday, I usually get up around ten o'clock.
10. I often do housework in the morning and in the afternoon I go cycling.
11. On Saturday evening, I almost always go out with my friends.
12. Occasionally, I'll go away for the weekend, but I'm always up early again on Monday.