

The drought has had detrimental/devastating effects. (*Don't say: The drought has had ~~harmful~~ effects*).

We say **the age of technology/the information age**, (NOT ~~the technology age~~).

We live in the modern age of technology. (*Don't say: We live in the modern ~~technology age~~*).

We live in the information age. (*Don't say: We live in the ~~technology age~~*).

He didn't grow up in the age of technology. (*Don't say: He didn't grow up in the ~~technology age~~*).

We say **developed society**, (NOT ~~development/developmental~~ society).

We live in a well-developed society. (*Don't say: We live in a ~~development/developmental~~ society*).

People in developed societies seldom confront discrimination. (*Don't say: People in ~~development/developmental~~ societies seldom confront discrimination*).

We say ...**two years older than**..., (NOT ~~older two years than~~).

He is two years older than I am. (*Don't say: He is ~~older two years than~~ I am*).

Her sisters is three years older than she is. (*Don't say: Her sisters is ~~older three years than~~ she is*).

We say **six miles long**, (NOT ~~long six miles~~).

The race was six miles long. (*Don't say: The race was ~~long six miles~~*).

This river is one hundred kilometers long. (*Don't say: This river is ~~long one hundred kilometers~~*).

We say **4 metres high**, (NOT ~~high 4 metres~~).

The statue is 4 metres high. (*Don't say: The statue is ~~high 4 metres~~*).

The wall is six metres high. (*Don't say: The wall is ~~high six metres~~*).

We say **eleven feet deep**, (NOT ~~deep eleven feet~~).

The ditch is eleven feet deep. (*Don't say: The ditch is ~~deep eleven feet~~*).

The river is ten feet deep. (*Don't say: The river is ~~deep ten feet~~*).

Numbers must **go before adjectives**.

I'll need ten large pizzas for my birthday party. (*Don't say: I'll need ~~large ten pizzas~~ for my birthday party*).

May I have five small pieces of paper? (*Don't say: May I have ~~small five pieces~~ of paper?*).

"First", "next" and "last" usually **go before "one", "two", "three", "four" etc.**

I want to rent the house for the first two weeks in May. (*Don't say: I want to rent the house for the ~~two first weeks~~ in May*).

Tom will be staying with his relatives in New York for the next three weeks. (*Don't say: Tom will be staying with his relatives in New York for the ~~three next weeks~~*).

She was sick for the last five days, but now she feels well. (*Don't say: She was sick for the ~~five last days~~, but now she feels well*).

We use **adverb + verb + object**, (NOT **verb + adverb + object**).

I often eat vegetarian food. (*Don't say: I ~~eat often~~ vegetarian food*).

I usually play football on Wednesday evenings. (*Don't say: I ~~play usually~~ football on Wednesday evenings*).

We use **verb + object + adverb**, (NOT **verb + adverb + object**).

She plays the piano well. (*Don't say: She ~~plays well~~ the piano*).

He speaks Japanese well. (*Don't say: He ~~speaks well~~ Japanese*).

Adverbs of place usually **go before adverbs of time**.

He performed excellently at the interview yesterday. (*Don't say: He performed excellently ~~yesterday at the interview~~*).

I worked hard at the office today. (*Don't say: I worked hard ~~today at the~~*

office).

We use **be + always/usually/often/sometimes, etc.**, (NOT always/usually/often/sometimes **+be**).

He is always busy. (*Don't say: He always ~~is~~ busy*).

He is usually straightforward and sincere. (*Don't say: He usually ~~is~~ straightforward and sincere*).

She is often very talkative. (*Don't say: She often ~~is~~ very talkative*).

He is sometimes absent from school. (*Don't say: He sometimes ~~is~~ absent from school*).

Probably, certainly, definitely, clearly, obviously usually **go before auxiliary verbs**.

She probably thinks you're crazy! (*Don't say: She ~~thinks probably~~ you're crazy!*).

She certainly misses her children. (*Don't say: She ~~misses certainly~~ her children*).

He clearly heard the sound of bells. (*Don't say: He ~~heard clearly~~ the sound of bells*).

I definitely agree with you. (*Don't say: I ~~agree definitely~~ with you*).

I will definitely come late today. (*Don't say: I will ~~come definitely~~ late today*).

He obviously lied. (*Don't say: He ~~lied obviously~~*).

She obviously missed something. (*Don't say: She ~~missed obviously~~ something*).

We use **adverb + adjective**, (NOT **adjective + adjective**).

It's extremely hot today. (*Don't say: It's ~~extreme hot~~ today*).

It's definitely wrong to stop him from seeing his parents. (*Don't say: It's ~~definite wrong~~ to stop him from seeing his parents*).