

Word Order:

Position of verb in yes/no questions

- 1 2 3
- verb subject rest of question
- Regnet es noch?
- Scheint die Sonne heute?
- *Is* it still *raining*?
- *Is* the sun *shining* today?

Word Order

Position of verb in information questions

- | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|----------------------|---------------|-----------|------------------|
| Question word/phrase | verb | subject | rest of question |
| <i>Was</i> | <i>machst</i> | <i>du</i> | <i>heute?</i> |
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| <i>Wann</i> | <i>beginnt</i> | <i>der Film?</i> | |
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Question Words

German

- Wann?
- Warum?
- Was?
- Wer?
- Wie?
- Wie viel?
- Wie viele?
- Wo?
- Woher?
- Wohin?

English

- When?
- Why?
- What?
- Who?
- How?
- How much?
- How many?
- Where?
- Where...from?
- Where....to?

Word Order

Position of Verb in Statements

- | | | | |
|-----------------|---|--------------|-------------------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Subject | | verb | rest of statement |
| Das Thermometer | | zeigt | nur zehn Grad. |
- If adding an additional element
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|---------------|---|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Other element | | verb | subject | rest of statement |
| Heute | | zeigt | das Thermometer | nur zehn Grad. |
- **NOTE:** It is important to remember that the verb is ***always*** in the 2nd position regardless if starting with the subject or another element of speech.

Word Order

Adding Conjunctions

German

- und
- oder
- aber
- denn

English

- and
- or
- but
- because

- The addition of a conjunction does not change the word order in statements or questions.
- Verb Sub. Verb Sub.
- Regnet es **oder** scheint die Sonne?
- Sub. Verb Sub. Verb
- Der Himmel ist grau, **aber** es regnet nicht.