



Word Order: SVOMPT, Object Order & Phrasal Verb Particles

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

1. She sang ____ last night.
a) at the concert beautifully
b) beautifully at the concert
c) at beautifully the concert
d) the concert at beautifully
2. He works ____ .
a) hard at the office every day
b) every day hard at the office
c) at the office every day hard
d) every day at the office hard
3. The children played ____ .
a) in the park happily all afternoon
b) all afternoon happily in the park
c) happily in the park all afternoon
d) all afternoon in the park happily
4. We walked ____ .
a) through the forest slowly after lunch
b) after lunch slowly through the forest
c) after lunch through the forest slowly
d) slowly through the forest after lunch
5. She read ____ .
a) a book quietly in her room last night
b) quietly a book in her room last night
c) a book in her room quietly last night
d) last night a book quietly in her room
6. They ate ____ .
a) quickly dinner at a restaurant yesterday
b) dinner at a restaurant quickly yesterday
c) dinner quickly at a restaurant yesterday
d) yesterday dinner quickly at a restaurant
7. She danced ____ .
a) on the stage gracefully last Saturday
b) gracefully on the stage last Saturday
c) last Saturday gracefully on the stage
d) on the stage last Saturday gracefully
8. Can you give ____ ?
a) the salt me
b) to me the salt
c) me to the salt
d) me the salt
9. She sent ____ .
a) her friend a birthday card
b) a birthday card her friend
c) to her friend a birthday card
d) a birthday card to friend her
10. The teacher explained ____ .
a) the students the grammar
b) the grammar to the students
c) to the students the grammar
d) the grammar the students
11. He bought ____ for her birthday.
a) some flowers his wife
b) his wife for some flowers
c) his wife some flowers
d) some flowers to his wife for

12. Could you pass _____ ?
 a) the water me
 b) water the to me
 c) me to the water
 d) me the water
13. The TV is too loud. Please turn _____ .
 a) it down
 b) down it
 c) it to down
 d) down to it
14. I don't know this word. I'll look _____ in the dictionary.
 a) up it
 b) it up
 c) it for up
 d) up for it
15. It was muddy outside, so she took _____ at the door.
 a) off them
 b) them for off
 c) them off
 d) off to them
16. She looks _____ her younger sister when their parents are away.
 a) her younger sister after
 b) for after
 c) to after
 d) after
17. I love this song! Please don't turn _____ .
 a) it off
 b) off it
 c) it for off
 d) off of it
18. Which sentence has the correct word order?
 a) We the museum visited yesterday.
 b) Yesterday we visited the museum.
 c) Visited we yesterday the museum.
 d) We yesterday visited the museum.
19. He studied _____ .
 a) all evening hard at the library
 b) at the library all evening hard
 c) hard at the library all evening
 d) all evening at the library hard
20. The waiter brought _____ .
 a) quickly us the menu
 b) the menu us quickly
 c) us quickly the menu
 d) us the menu quickly



Answers

1. b) beautifully at the concert
2. a) hard at the office every day
3. c) happily in the park all afternoon
4. d) slowly through the forest after lunch
5. a) a book quietly in her room last night
6. c) dinner quickly at a restaurant yesterday
7. b) gracefully on the stage last Saturday
8. d) me the salt
9. a) her friend a birthday card
10. b) the grammar to the students
11. c) his wife some flowers
12. d) me the water
13. a) it down
14. b) it up
15. c) them off
16. d) after
17. a) it off
18. b) Yesterday we visited the museum.
19. c) hard at the library all evening
20. d) us the menu quickly



Explanations

1. “beautifully at the concert” (b)

When a sentence has manner and place, the standard order is Manner before Place: 'beautifully' (Manner) + 'at the concert' (Place) + 'last night' (Time).

2. “hard at the office every day” (a)

The SVOMPT rule puts Manner before Place before Time: 'hard' (Manner) + 'at the office' (Place) + 'every day' (Time).

3. “happily in the park all afternoon” (c)

Follow the SVOMPT order: 'happily' (Manner) + 'in the park' (Place) + 'all afternoon' (Time). Time comes last.

4. “slowly through the forest after lunch” (d)

Manner → Place → Time: 'slowly' (Manner) + 'through the forest' (Place) + 'after lunch' (Time). Don't start with the time expression.

5. “a book quietly in her room last night” (a)

Object comes right after the verb, then SVOMPT order: 'a book' (Object) + 'quietly' (Manner) + 'in her room' (Place) + 'last night' (Time). Never put an adverb between the verb and its object.

6. “dinner quickly at a restaurant yesterday” (c)

Object + Manner + Place + Time: 'dinner' (O) + 'quickly' (M) + 'at a restaurant' (P) + 'yesterday' (T). The adverb 'quickly' cannot go between 'ate' and 'dinner'.

7. “gracefully on the stage last Saturday” (b)

Manner → Place → Time: 'gracefully' (Manner) + 'on the stage' (Place) + 'last Saturday' (Time).

8. “me the salt” (d)

With 'give', you can use two patterns: 'give + indirect object + direct object' (give me the salt) or 'give + direct object + to + indirect object' (give the salt to me). *'Give the salt me' (without 'to') is incorrect.

9. “her friend a birthday card” (a)

'Send' takes two patterns: 'send + IO + DO' (sent her friend a birthday card) or 'send + DO + to + IO' (sent a birthday card to her friend). *'Sent a birthday card her friend' (no preposition) is wrong.

10. “the grammar to the students” (b)

'Explain' does NOT take the double-object pattern. You must say 'explain something TO someone', not *'explain someone something'. This is different from verbs like 'give' or 'send'.

11. “his wife some flowers” (c)

'Buy' takes the double-object pattern: 'buy + IO + DO' — 'bought his wife some flowers'. *'Bought some flowers his wife' is wrong because there's no preposition.

12. “me the water” (d)

'Pass' takes the double-object pattern: 'pass + IO + DO' — 'pass me the water'. *'Pass the water me' is incorrect without the preposition 'to'.

13. “it down” (a)

With phrasal verbs, pronoun objects MUST go between the verb and the particle: 'turn it down'. You cannot say *'turn down it'. This rule applies to all separable phrasal verbs with pronouns.

14. “it up” (b)

When using a pronoun with a separable phrasal verb, the pronoun goes between the verb and particle: 'look it up'. *'Look up it' is always wrong.

15. “them off” (c)

Pronoun objects go between the verb and particle in phrasal verbs: 'took them off' (= removed them). *'Took off them' is incorrect.

16. “after” (d)

'Look after' is an inseparable phrasal verb — the particle 'after' must stay with the verb. You cannot say *'looks her younger sister after'. With inseparable phrasal verbs, the object always goes after the particle.

17. “it off” (a)

Pronoun objects must go between the verb and particle: 'turn it off'. This is a strict rule — *'turn off it' is always ungrammatical in standard English.

18. “Yesterday we visited the museum.” (b)

Time expressions can go at the beginning of a sentence: 'Yesterday, we visited the museum.' The SVO order (we + visited + the museum) stays the same. Putting 'yesterday' between subject and verb (*'We yesterday visited') is not standard.

19. “hard at the library all evening” (c)

Manner → Place → Time: 'hard' (Manner) + 'at the library' (Place) + 'all evening' (Time). The SVOMPT rule gives English sentences their natural rhythm.

20. “us the menu quickly” (d)

With double objects, the order is: IO + DO + adverb. 'Brought us (IO) the menu (DO) quickly (Manner)'. The adverb goes after both objects, never between them.