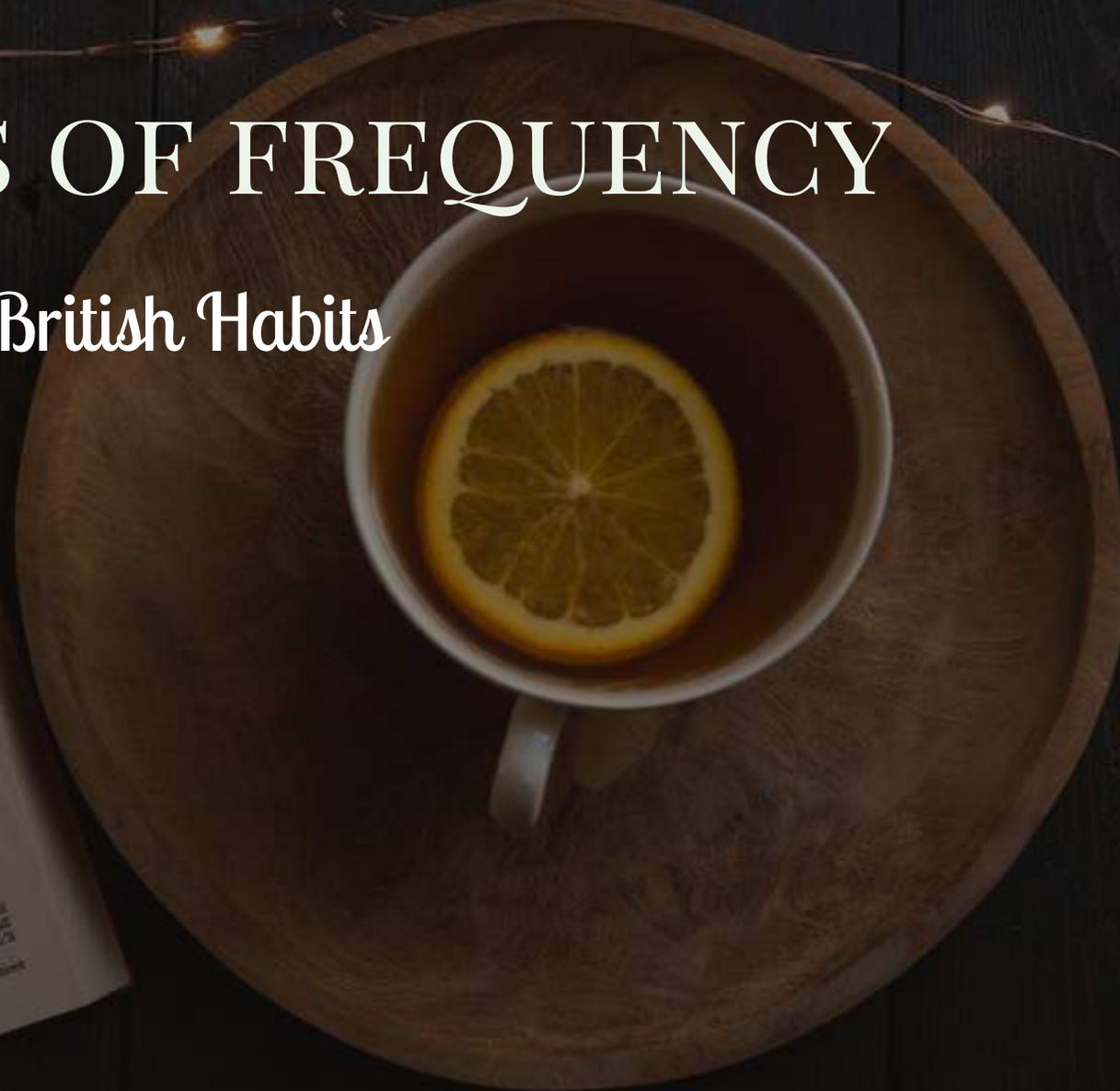
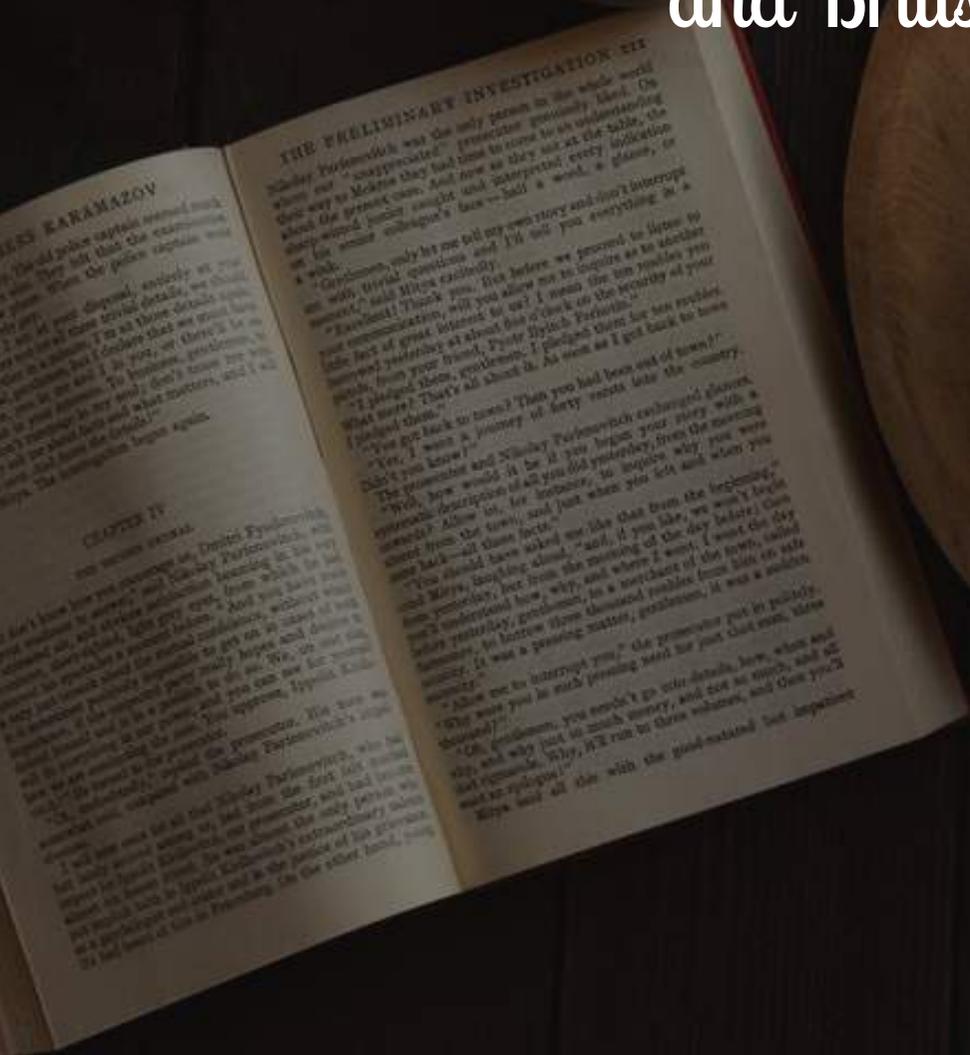


ADVERBS OF FREQUENCY

and British Habits



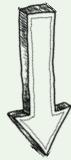
Adverbs of Frequency

always
often
usually
normally
sometimes
occasionally
hardly ever
never

Adverbs of frequency tell us **how often** you do something.

We use them when we talk about **habits**.

Where to place them?



After the subject
before the verb.

subject + **adverb** + **verb**

The British **always** **talk**
about the weather.





Exception

The adverb is **AFTER** the
verb to be

subject + verb + adverb
of frequency

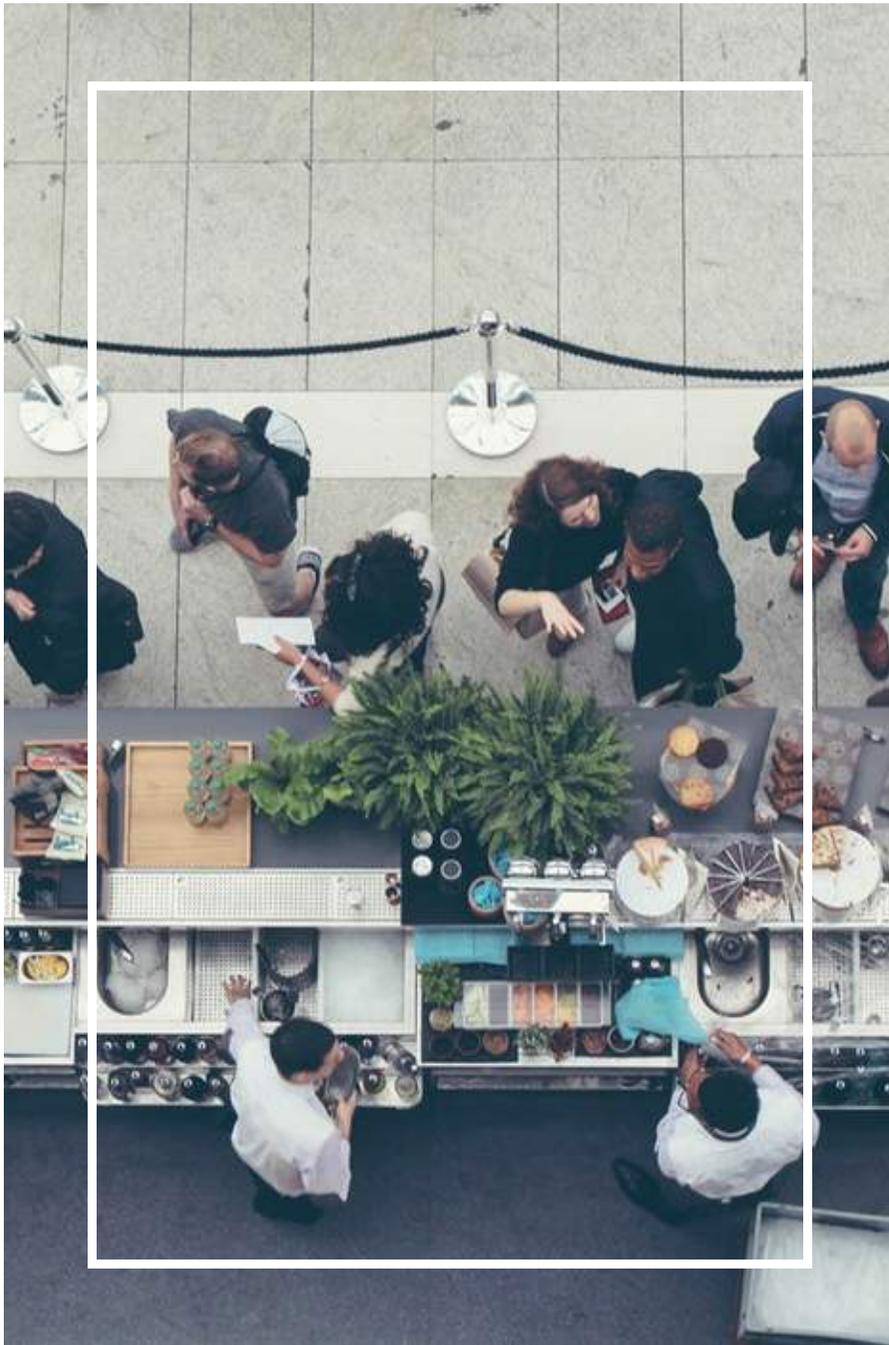
They are always polite.

Negative sentences

subject + auxiliary verb
+ **adverb** + **verb**

They don't **always** **eat** pre-cooked food.





Questions

auxiliary verb
+ subject + adverb of
frequency + verb

Do they always queue
for everything?
Yes, they do.

With modal verbs

The adverb is after the modal verb.

subject + modal
verb + **adverb** + **verb**

You must **always** **ride** on
the left in the UK.





usually

normally

often

frequently

sometimes

occasionally

**These adverbs are more common in mid-position
but can also go in front or end position.**

I **sometimes** feel depressed in rainy London.

Sometimes I feel depressed there.

I feel depressed **sometimes**.



The position of the adverb is flexible depending on the context.



Never
Hardly ever

They **hardly ever carry** an umbrella.

They **never carry** an umbrella.

Hardly ever and **never** are always used with the positive form of the verb.
NOT They don't never carry - INCORRECT



Summary: Position of adverbs of frequency



I. MID-POSITION
and after
auxiliaries

- They **always** talk about the weather.
- They don't **always** talk about it.
- Do they **always** talk about it?
- You must **always** ride on the left.



II. AFTER the
verb to be

- They are **always** polite.
- I'm **never** late.
- Are you **always** in a hurry?



III. FLEXIBLE

- I **sometimes** feel depressed.
- **Sometimes** I feel depressed.
- I feel depressed **sometimes**.
- I go there **occasionally**.



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