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"In general" or "Generally speaking", the people live in the cities are more materialistic than tge people live in rural areas.Are they both correct? If so, which one is more appropriate? Thank you! They're both correct.Separately, the next part of the sentence should begin "... people who live in cities ..." If the context is formal writing, then I think "In general" is the better choice.In everyday spoken language, you will hear both. Can we use "Generally speaking" in writing? Please give us the complete sentence, in context Suppose, I'm chatting with someone and he asks me " will police come to my house" Can I say(write) "Generally speaking, police don't come on such small matters.I mean, can I use "Generally speaking" in written english. Suppose, I'm chatting with someone and he asks me " will police come to my house"Can I say(write) "Generally speaking, police don't come on such small matters.I mean, can I use "Generally speaking" in written english. You can. But there are less wordy options. I would say "In general, police don't..." or just "Generally, police don't..." T You can. But there are less wordy options. I would say "In general, police don't..." or just "Generally, police don't..." Thanks to help anthoc, would the use of "generally speaking" be wrong? I use it in my writings, provided I recall correctly! In any case, a more formal and viable solution may be "By and large" followed by a comma if positioned at the very beginning of a sentence. "By and large" means "Generally".Alternatively, you could opt for "On the whole", an expression which means "generally" as well."By and large/On the whole, I believe this city is overpopulated." TThanks to help anthoc, would the use of "generally speaking" be wrong? No, it is not wrong. I am just pointing out that you can accomplish the same thing in fewer words. In most, if not all contexts, "Generally" and "Generally speaking" are going to mean the same thing. Okay, I got it thanks to help. I know a lot of way of saying the same. I just wanted to know whether it is right or wrong in written english. >> 4.31)4.31. Los tulos, cargos y nombres de dignidad, como rey, papa, duque, presidente, ministro, etc., que normalmente se escriben con minscula (6.9), pueden aparecer en determinados casos escritos con mayuscula. As, es frecuente, aunque no obligatorio, que estas palabras se escriban con mayuscula cuando se emplean referidas a una persona concreta, sin mencin expresa de su nombre propio: El Rey inaugurar la nueva biblioteca; El Papa visitar la India en su proximo viaje. Por otra parte, por razones de respeto, los tulos de los miembros de la familia reinante en Espaa suelen escribirse con mayuscula, aunque vayan seguidos del nombre propio de la persona que los posee, al igual que los tratamientos de don y doa a ellos referidos: el Rey Don Juan Carlos, el Prncipe Felipe, la Infanta Doa Cristina. Tambin es costumbre particular de las leyes, decretos y documentos oficiales, por razones de solemnidad, escribir con mayusculas las palabras de este tipo: el Rey de Espaa, el Jefe del Estado, el Presidente del Gobierno, el Secretario de Estado de Comercio. Por ltimo, es muy frecuente que los cargos de cierta categora se escriban con mayuscula en el encabezamiento de las cartas dirigidas a las personas que los ocupan. Hello everyone, Can someone explain to me why we say Secretary General Ban Ki-MoonbutThe General Secretary of the Labour Party? What accounts for the word order of these two?Thanks in advance. Generally speaking (or speaking generally) it's the whim of the organization that establishes the name of the job or the title. If you look up both terms in Wikipedia, you will see a substantial discussion.Yours truly (or truly yours) Speaking generally, these are conflicting word orders of both mothers (or fathers) of the English language, the Romance and the Germanic branch of languages. Generally speaking, in Germanic it would General Secretary [and in German this is indeed the case, even for the UN Secretary General], while with Romanic languages Secretary General usually would be preferred. However in this case, it seems that, generally, Secretary General is preferred rather than General Secretary for most of the prestigious organisations: probably because in English most of the times there is more 'status' attributed to words going back to Romanic roots.(Check out the terms for food for that - as long as it's running around on two or four feet the Germanic term is applied, but as soon as it is served it changes its name to the Romanic root.) I haven't read the Wiki discussions. But the connotations, for me, are: Secretary General: international organisation; important personage General Secretary: national organisation especially Trade Union; down-to-earth. General Secretary: national organisation especially Trade Union; down-to-earth. Note that Nikita Khrushchev and Mikhail Gorbachev held the post of general secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union(I'm not sure what that illustrates as anything other than somebody whose title was 'general secretary'.) Thank you all for your help. And Loob, you could have written the article on Wiki , because it sums up this way:Secretary General = international organisationsGeneral Secretary = national organisations, unions, associations, churches... Not only international organizations. As it is the case with notary public. Moon Palace, don't leap to conclusions or try to create "rules" for English usages where there are none. The titles of officials of groupswhether they are international organizations, political parties, labor unions, social clubs, or anything elseare up to the groups. There are no rules. If you once studied spanish, perhaps you will understand the difference. In the context of this language normally one should put the adjective behind the noun, so the group represents the original meaning. When one puts the adjective before the noun, sometimes it could get the new meaning unlike the original explanation of the word. Do they all work in this conversation that I made up? A: Tom, how's your new job?B: Generally I love it, but the boss is a bit annoying.B: In general I love it, but the boss is a bit annoying.B: On the whole I love it, but the boss is a bit annoying. First, I would use I really like it, rather than I love it, which sounds a bit odd to me here with the qualifiers. - I would not use generally.- in general works for me, but I would move it: I really like it in general- on the whole I really like it Also:- all in all I really like it - I would not use generally. That's interesting. Actually that's the reason why I asked. I mean I came across "generalising" in Swan's Practical English Usage and he doesn't mention "generally" either so I wanted to know how native speakers see it. So do you never use it or not here? I meant I wouldnt use it here. My reaction was based on usage and what sounded idiomatic to me in this context.The two adverbials are not 100% interchangeable. I agree. "Generally" describes a loose pattern. Liking a job is not a pattern. There's also the fixed idiomatic phrase "generally speaking": "Generally speaking, it takes two to three weeks for the goods to be delivered." Which is describing a pattern. And which work in this example? A: What time do you start your day?B: I generally get up at 6, but when I work from home, it's 7.B: In general I get up at 6, but when I work from home, it's 7.B: On the whole I get up at 6, but when I work from home, it's 7. Only the first response seems natural to me. The second may barely be acceptable, and the third isn't. And which work in this context? I generally agree with you. Yes, Tom isn't a bright student, but he is the friendliest student I've ever known.In general I agree with you. Yes, Tom isn't a bright student, but he is the friendliest student I've ever known.On the whole I agree with you. Yes, Tom isn't a bright student, but he is the friendliest student I've ever known. Only the second and third. As kentix pointed out, "generally" describes a pattern, and "agree" doesn't indicate a pattern in those examples, it just indicates agreement with a specific statement. "I generally agree with you, but this time I don't."The past pattern is that I usually have the same opinion as you. This time is an exception. So do you like this Longman example? I can't see any pattern in it. It was generally a positive conversation. You have a valid point there. This is a slightly different use of "generally", which is often preceded by "it is" or "it was". Another example: "It's generally believed that smoking causes cancer". And would 'in general' work? In general, it was a positive conversation. And how about this Cambride example? Does it have a pattern like in every interview you take?Lack of experience will generally count against you in an interview.Would 'in general' and "on the whole" work in it? No, they wouldn't. I found these two definitions in Collins Dictionary, which may help to make this tricky language point a bit clearer, I hope:1. generally 2. in general And how about this Cambride example? Does it have a pattern like in every interview you take?Lack of experience will generally count against you in an interview. It's a pattern in all interviews taken as an average. "You" is the generic "you" representing people in general. If you study interviews and map the outcome of people with experience and people lacking experience, the result is that, more often than not (that's the pattern), the people without experience have worse outcomes. It's not every time, because sometimes other factors are more important, but it's what is to be expected in the usual circumstances. And does "overall" work in both examples? I guess it works in the first only, right? A: Tom, how's your new job?B: In general I love it, but the boss is a bit annoying.B: Overall I love it, but the boss is a bit annoying. I generally agree with you, but this time I don't.Overall I agree with you, but this time I don't. The first two answers look fine to me, with "In general..." perhaps sounding a little more likely.You're right to mark the last sentence as wrong. Hello everyone, Can I use "in general" and "in particular" in one sentence? "I think that video games, in general, are super popular and this one in particular." Thank you so much in advance for your help. It sounds fine, but "super popular" sounds a bit childish to my ears. "Extremely popular" or "very popular" or "very, very popular" would be my preferences. No. That would mean that is was particularly, in general, popular. "I think that video games, in general, are super popular and this one in particular is super popular." Oh OK. Thank you Packard. No. That would mean that is was particularly, in general, popular. "I think that video games, in general, are super popular and this one in particular is super popular." Is it ok to use super popular twice in the same sentence and short one at that!? It wouldn't be wordy? Can I say: " I think that video games, in general, are super popular and this one in particular is too."PaulQ it is not like I know English better than you hhhh, I am just asking. Thank you for your understanding and help really. Is it ok to use super popular twice in the same sentence and short one at that!? It wouldn't be wordy? If a word is the single best word to use in the sentence, then use the word as required.Note that I have used "word" three times in the above sentence. What other word would have worked as well? Again, I don't know English better than you, but I would say:" If a word is the single best option to use in the sentence, then use the it as required." What do you think ? "I think that video games, in general, are super popular and this one in particular is super popular." "In particular" has to signify a difference. I'm thinking Paul made a slight mistake repeating the whole phrase but he can tell us. I would say something like:"I think that video games, in general, are very popular and this one in particular is super popular." super > very "In particular" has to signify a difference. I'm thinking Paul made a slight mistake repeating the whole phrase but he can tell us. I would say something like:"I think that video games, in general, are very popular and this one in particular is super popular."super > very Ok thank you Kentix. "Super", when used like this sounds childish to me. I am OK with "super sonic", but not so much with "super popular". "Extremely popular" sounds much better to me.

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