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# **REWRITE**

1. The fox was unsuccessful in reaching the grapes.(VAIN)

→The fox tried in vain to reach the grapes.

2. The crops were badly affected by the storm. (EFFECT)

→The storm had a badly effect on the crops.

3. The project received unanimous approval of the committee.(FAVOUR)

→The whole committee was/were in favour of the project.

4. The personnel officer promised him that she wouldn't tell any one that he had been in the prison. (WORD)

→The personnel officer gave him her word that she wouldn't tell any one that he had been in the prison.

5. Nobody could possibly believe the story he told us. (BEYOND)

→The story he told us was beyond belief

6. I had lost his phone number, so I could not contact him before. (TOUCH)

→ I could not keep/get in touch with him because I had lost his phone number.

7. I enjoy being the boss of a small company. (FISH)

→I enjoy being a big fish in a small pond.

8. The success of our local theater has made our city famous. (MAP)

→The success of our local theater has put our city on the map.

9. She is not upset; she is only pretending. (ACT)

→She is not upset; she is only putting on an act.

10. The bank robbers escaped in a stolen car. (GETAWAY)

→The bank robbers made a getaway in a stolen car.

11. As people use a lot of wood-pulp, many trees are cut down.

→The more wood-pulp is used, the more trees are cut down

12. Because of the absence of the atmosphere on the moon, the sky there is black, just as in space.

→Because there is no atmosphere on the moon, the sky there is black, just as in space.

13. These young men became doctors after six years training.

→After these young men had been trained for six years, the became doctors

14. People believe that the Chinese invented paper in 105 A.D.

→Paper is believed to have been invented by the Chinese in 105 A.D.

15. A man I don't know told me about that.

→I was told about that by a man I don't know.

16. That was a silly thing to say!

→What a silly thing to say!

17. We've run out of petrol.

→There is no more petrol left.

18. It takes six hours to drive from here to London.

→It is a six hour drive from here to London.

19. He was sorry he hadn't said goodbye to her at the airport.

→He regretted not saying goodbye to her at the airport.

20. They failed to find out a solution to the problem.

→They didn't succeed in finding out a a solution to the problem.

21. Most stores will accept a credit card instead of cash. (ALTERNATIVE)

→Most stores will accept a credit card as an alternative to cash.

22. You can avoid tooth decay by brushing your teeth regularly. (PREVENT)

→Brushing your teeth regularly can prevent tooth decay.

23. Some of Peter's expressions make me think of my brother. (REMIND)

→Some of Peter's expressions remind me of my brother.

24. When do you think this bridge was built? (OLD)

→How old do you think this bridge is?

25. That old typewriter is not worth repairing. (POINTLESS)

→Repairing that old typewriter is pointless.

26. They share a lot of hobbies and interests. (COMMON)

→They have a lot of hobbies and interest in common.

27. This train should have left 30 minutes ago. (MEANT)

→This train was meant to leave 30 minutes ago.

28 The president arranged for me to use his chauffeur-driven car whenever I liked. (DISPOSAL)

→The president placed/put his chauffeur-driven car at my disposal.

29. The painting is worth $25,000. (VALUED)

→The painting has been valued at $25,000.

30. This passport can be used in most countries.

→This passport can be valid for most countries.

31. My bank manager and I get on together very well. (TERMS)

→I am on very good terms with my bank manager.

32. That hotel is a bit too expensive for us, I am afraid. (REACH)

→That hotel is a bit beyond our reach, I am afraid.

33. Absolute secrecy was crucial to the success of the mission.  
→Without absolute secrecy, the mission wouldn't have succeeded.

34. Immediately after his arrival home a water-heater exploded.

→Hardly had he arrived home when a water-heater exploded.

35. Rita doesn't realize how serious her husband's operation is going to be.

→Little does Rita realize how serious her husband's operation is going to be.

36. A waiter spilled soup over Lydia's new dress last night.  
→Lydia had some soup spilled over her new dress by a waiter last night.

37. It was the goalkeeper that saved the match for us.  
→Had it not been for the goalkeeper, we would have lost the match.

38. Tim insisted on being told the complete story.  
→Nothing but the complete story would satisfy Tim.

39. Jane's husband will be returning from South America quite soon.  
→It won't be long after Jane's husband returns from S.A.

40. The permit expires at the end of this month.  
→The permit is not valid after the end of this month.

41. I don't really like her, even though I admire her achievements.  
→Much as I admire her achievement, I don't really like her.

42. Alice and Charles did not decide to move to a bigger house until after the birth of their second child.  
→Only when A. and C. had their second child did they decide to move to a bigger house.

43. Martin may not be very well but she still manages to enjoy life.  
→Martin's poor health doesn't prevent/stop him from enjoying life.

44. The Pacific Ocean is on average deeper than the Atlantic.  
→The average depth of the Pacific Ocean is greater than that of the Atlantic.

45. Under no circumstances should you phone the police.  
→The last thing you should do is to phone the police.

46. We couldn't find George anywhere.  
→George was nowhere to be found.

47. Provided your handwriting is legible, the examiners will accept your paper.  
→So long as the examiners can read your handwriting, they will accept your paper.

48. There are a lot of people depend on him.  
→He has a lot of dependants.

49. I daren't turn on the television because the baby might wake up. (FEAR)  
→I daren't turn on the television for fear of waking the baby up.

50. The teachers agreed to introduce the new methods. (AGREEMENT)  
→There was an agreement among the teachers to introduce the new methods.

51. If interest rates are cut, the economic situation may improve. (REDUCTION)  
→A reduction in/of interest rates may improve the economic situation.

52. I don't personally care if they come or not. (MATTER)  
→It doesn't matter to me whether they come or not.

53. Local residents said they were against the new traffic scheme.

(DISAPPROVAL)  
→Local residents expressed their disapproval of the new traffic scheme.

54. Why isn't this TV working?  
→What is wrong with this TV?

55. May I borrow your pen?  
→Would you lend me your pen?

56. We must do something about the problem even if it costs a lot.  
→Costly as/though it may be, we must do something about the problem.

57. We should ban the use of pesticides, but we should also restrict the use of other chemicals.  
→In addition to banning the use of pesticides, we should also restrict the use of other chemicals.

58. You might fall if you are not careful.  
→Be careful or you will fall.

59. Immediately after his arrival, things went wrong.  
→No sooner had he arrived than things went wrong.

60. Although Nam was the stronger of the two, his attacker soon overpowered him.  
→Despite his being the stronger of the two, Nam was soon overpowered by his attacker.

61. I met her while I was staying in Paris last summer. ( during)  
→ I met her during my stay in Paris last summer

62. I couldn't remember the name of my hotel when I got into the taxi. ( called)  
→ I couldn't remember how my hotel called when I got into the taxi.

63. We were all surprised when she suddenly left the job. ( found)  
→ All of us found surprised when she suddenly left the job.

64. " Are you a member of the club?" the receptionist said to me. ( belonged)  
→ The receptionist asked me if I belonged to the club.

65. This is the most amusing book I've ever read. ( amusing)  
→ I've never read a more amusing book than this one before.

66. Do shops usually stay open so late in this country? ( usual)  
→ Is it usual for shops to stay open so late in this country ?

67. He doesn't often find it difficult to earn money. ( trouble)  
→ He seldom gets trouble to earn money .

68. You're like another person I've met here recently. ( else)  
→ You remind me of someone else I've met here recently.

69. Do you think that climate affects people's personalities? ( influence)  
→ Do you think that climate has influence on people's personalities?

70. Jack has become confident as a result if his success ( turned)  
→ Jack's success has turned him into a confident person.

71. Their party is on the same date as another one I've been invited to.  
→Their party coincides with another one I have been invited to.

72. If I'm luck, I'll get a job as soon as I get there.  
→With a stroke of luck, I'll get a job as soon as I get there.

73. She fully understands that she will have to work hard.  
→She's well known that she will have to work hard

74. He never thought of telling her.  
→It never occurred to him to tell her.

75. That sentece doesn't have an understandable meaning .  
→That sentence makes itself misunderstood.

76. He didn't know about her feelings for him.  
→He was unconscious of her feelings for him.

77. She suddenly thought that she might have misunderstood him.  
→It crossed her mind that she might have understood him.

78. I didn't want to buy it, but because he insisted, I bought it.  
→He pushed me into buying it.

79. " I am innocent", she said, and the court believed her.  
→She convinced the court of her innocence.

80. I don't understand a single word of this letter.  
→I can't make out this letter.

81. The only reason the party was a success was that a famous film star attended.  
→Had it not been for the attendance of a famous film star, the party wouldn't have been a success.

82. Galileo is considered to be the father of modern astronomy.  
→Galileo is regarded as the father of modern astronomy.

83. The only way you can become a good athlete is to train hard every day.  
→Only by training hard every day can you become a good athlete.

84. He speaks more persuasively than his brother.  
→He is a more persuasive speaker than his brother.

85. He can hardly read at all. (VIRTUALLY)  
→He is virtually unable to read.

88. He can speak French well enough to go to the conference. (FLUENT)  
→His French is fluent enough to go to the conference.

87. His arrival was completely unexpected. (TOOK)  
→His arrival took us completely by surprise.

88. The first sign of the disease is a feeling of faintness. (ONSET)  
→The onset of the disease is a feeling is shown by a feeling of faintness.

89. He began by giving us a summary of his progress so far. (OUTSET)  
→At the outset, he gave us a summary of his progress so far.

90. As an antidote to their disappointment, he bought them ice-cream. (OFFSET)

→To offset their disappointment, he bought them ice-cream.

91. It was Walter Raleigh who introduced potatoes and tobaccos into England.  
→The English owe the introduction of potatoes and tobaccos to W. R.

92. That rumour about the politician and the construction contract is absolutely false.  
→There is absolutely no truth in that rumour about the politician and the construction contract.

93. He was sentenced to six months in prison for his part in the robbery.  
→He received a six month sentence for his part in the robbery.

94. You can eat as much as you like for $5 at the new lunch-bar

→There is no limit/restriction on how much/what you eat for $5 at the new lunch-bar.

95. The Yeti has very rarely been seen at this altitude.  
→There have been very few sightings of the Yeti at this altitude.

96. You think that fat people are allays jolly, but you are wrong.  
→Contrary to what you think, fat people aren't always jolly.

97. The only thing that kept us out of prison was the way he spoke to the local dialect.  
→But for his command of the local dialect, we could have been jailed.

98. The council rarely allows appeals against its decisions.  
→Hardly does the council allow appeals against its decisions.

99. She is a student good at mathematics. (FIGURES)  
→She is a student having a head for figures.

100. I think we ought to permit him to do whatever he chooses. (HAND)  
→I think we should give him a free hand.

101. Margaret was offered a place on the course but couldn't accept because she was ill. (TURN)  
→Margaret was offered a place on the course but had to turn down because ...

102. You'll just have to take a chance. (POT)  
→You'll just have to take pot luck.

**(Take pot luck: ăn thử)**

103. Assembling the furniture is extremely easy. (PLAY)  
→Assembling the furniture is a child's play.

104. I resent the way that she clearly feels herself to be superior to me. (NOSE) **Superior: Cấp cao hơn**  
→I resent the way that she looks down her nose at me.

105. Your attitude will have to change if you want to succeed. (LEAF)  
→You have to turn over a new leaf if you want to succeed.

106. Many species of wildlife are threatened with extinction. (VERGE)  
→Many species of wildlife are on the verge of extinction.

107. The storm blew the roof off the house.  
→The house had its roof blown off by the storm.

108. This is the quickest way to get into the town centre.  
→There is no quicker way than this to get into the town centre.

109. Only one person knew what had caused the fire.  
→The cause of the fire was known to only one person.

110. I'm not going to retire unless I myself want to. (FEEL)  
→ I'm not going to retire unless I feel like it.

111. After two hours the bride had still not arrived. (SIGN)  
→After two hours there was still no sign of the bride.

112. Rosa found the heat quite intolerable. (BEAR)  
→Rosa couldn't bear the heat.

113. You were rude to that woman's husband, and she's upset now.  
→The woman whose husband you were rude to is upset now.

114. Are they likely to pass Proficiency?  
→Is there any likelihood that they pass Proficiency?

115. 6,000 pounds is a better offer than you have ever had before.  
→You have never had an offer better than 6,000 pounds before.

116. Harry paid 50 pounds a week for bed and breakfast.  
→Bed and breakfast cost Harry 50 pounds a week.

117. You can not make use of this offer after 15 December.  
→This offer is only valid until 15 December.

118. Be careful not to waste water. (ECONOMICAL)  
→Be economical with water

119. We haven't sold many cars this month. (DEMAND)  
→There has been little demand for cars this month.

120. The accident victim was having increasing difficulty in breathing. (DIFFICULT)  
→The accident victims were increasingly difficult to breathe.

121. Betty is very happy to look after handicapped people.  
→Betty is devoted to looking after handicapped people.

122. The decorators have finished the whole of the first floor.  
→We have had the whole of the first floor finished by the decorators.

123. If you want my advice, I would forget about buying a new house.  
→If I were you, I would forget about buying a new house.

124. The only way to eliminate world terrorism is by united opposition.

**Eliminate: chấm dứt**  
→Only by united opposition can we eliminate world terrorism.

125. Everybody made fun of him because he'd his hair cut so short. (MICKEY)  
→Everybody took the Mickey out of him because he had his hair cut so short.

126. I felt stupid when I realized what I'd done. (FOOL)  
→I felt such a fool when I realized what I'd done.

127. She was very relieved when she realized that her bag hadn't been stolen. (BREATHED)  
→She breathed a sign of relief when she realized ...

128. Would you like to contribute something to our campaign? (MAKE)  
→Would you like to make a contribution to our campaign?

129. Products which seem to lack credibility are not popular. (CALL)  
→There is no call for products which seem to lack credibility.

132. Technical skills are needed to operate this new machinery. (DEMANDS)  
→Operating/ the operation of this new machinery demands technical skills.

131. We have run out of small sizes. (STOCK)  
→We have no small sizes in stock. / We are out of stock of small sizes. / Small sizes are out of stock.

132. In all probability we will finish the project on Thursday. (CHANCES)  
→The chances are that the project will be finished on Thursday.

133. They arrived at their destination alive and kicking. (SOUND)

**Alive and kicking: bình an vô sự**  
→They arrived at their destination safe and sound

134. In her previous job, Mara was a picture restorer. (WORK)  
→Mara used to work as a picture restorer.

135. I'm sure you were driving too fast.  
→You must have been driving too fast.

136. It was overeating that caused his heart attack.  
→If he hadn't overeaten, he wouldn't have had a heart attack.

137. The storm completely wiped out all my crops.

**(Wipe out: destroy)**  
→I have had all my crops completely wiped out by the storm.

138. The fire led to the setting up of a public enquiry.  
→As a result of the fire, a public enquiry was set up.

139. Vitamin intake and intelligence are not connected.  
→There is no connection between vitamin intake and intelligence.

140. He suddenly thought that he might have misunderstood her.  
→It crossed his mind that he might have misunderstood her.

141. His wife keeps telling him that he should get a better job.  
→His wife is pushing him to get a better job.

142. His second attempt on the world record was successful.  
→ He broke the world record successfully at his second attempt

143. I applied for the job but was turned down.  
→My application for the job was turned down.

144. There are more people out of work in this country than ever before.  
→Never have there been more people out of work in this country.

145. My boyfriend is very short-tempered.  
→My boyfriend loses his temper very easily.

146. Let's clean the dishes in the morning. (WASHING)  
→Let's do the washing-up in the morning.

147. Despite his age, he's still working. (RETIRED)  
→He still has not retired despite his age.

148. Whose name should I write on the cheque? (MAKE)  
→Who should I make out the cheque to?

149. "Please don't drive so fast!" Ann begged her friend.  
→Ann pleaded with her friend not to drive so fast.

150. My protests were ignored.  
→Nobody took notice of my protests.

151. I'm sure he took your briefcase by mistake.  
→I am sure he didn't take your briefcase deliberately.

152. We only despatch goods after receiving the money.  
→Only after the money is received can we despatch goods.

153. You pay 20 pounds a month for a period of one year.  
→You pay in twelve successive monthly instalments of 20 pounds.

154. He'll settle down. Then his performance will improve.  
→Once he settles/ has settled down, his performance will improve.

155. The result of the match was never in doubt.  
→At no time was the result of the match in doubt.

156. This will be the orchestra's first performance outside London.  
→This will be the first time the orchestra has performed/ played outside London.

157. He will not be put off by their comments. (DETER)  
→Their comment won't deter him.

158. She complains far too often for my liking. (FREQUENT)  
→She makes frequent complaint about my liking.

159. Some people accept that a storm is inevitable. (RESIGNED)  
→Some people are resigned to the fact that a storm is inevitable.

160. The fridge is completely empty. (LEFT)  
→There is nothing left in the fridge.

161. Money is of little value on a desert island. (COUNTS)  
→Money counts for little in the island.

162. Can you tell me where the Midland Hotel is? (DIRECT)  
→Can you direct me to the ...

163. The Prime Minister felt it appropriate to make a statement. (FIT)  
→The Prime Minister saw/ thought fit to make a statement.

164. I'd rather we started at seven. (PREFERENCE)  
→My preference was for a seven o'clock start.

165. The accident wasn't his fault. (BLAME)  
→He wasn't to blame for the accident.

166. Although he seems friendly, he's not to be trusted.  
→Friendly as he may seem, he's not to be trusted.

167. Not until the body was found did the police believe her.  
→It was only when the body was found that the police believed her.

168. "Whatever you do, don't give up hope" they said.  
→They urged me not to give up hope

169. Far more people live to retirement age in Britain than in the Philippines.  
→Not as many people live to retirement age in Philippines as in Britain.

170. We have no seats left for the concert on December 12th.  
→All the seats for the concert on December 12th have been booked.

171. The foreigner declared his innocence. (DENIED)  
→The foreigner denied knowing anything about it.

172. Everyone but Jane failed to produce the correct answer. (SUCCEEDED)  
→Only Jane succeeded in producing the correct answer.

173. An open fire can't be compared to/with central heating. (COMPARISON)  
→There is no comparison between an open fire and central heating.

174. There is no way that young man can achieve success in this test. (BOUND)  
→That young man is bound to fail in this test.

175. I was scared to tell him what I really thought. (COURAGE)  
→I didn't have enough courage to tell him what I really thought.

176. The Greens consider Henry a good friend. (LOOK)  
→The Greens look on Henry as a good friend.

177. Teachers think that hard work is good for you. (HARM)  
→Teachers think that work does/causes you no harm.

178. Because of the delay we missed our connecting flight. (MEANT)  
→The delay meant that we missed our connecting flight.

179. Don't wait to be asked if you want a sandwich! (HELP)  
→Help yourself to a sandwich. (= take some of it)

180. Most people regard Dr. Peters as being the best surgeon in his field. (WIDELY)  
→Dr. Peters is widely regarded as being the best surgeon in his field.

181. The Prime Minister was determined to remain in office.  
→The Prime Minister had no intention of resigning office.

182. I don't know the first thing about aeronautics.  
→I am utterly ignorant of aeronautics.

183. The students' riotous behaviour should have been severely punished.  
→The students deserved severe punishment for their riotous behaviour.

184. The chances are that the whole thing will have been forgotten by next term.  
→In all probability/likelihood the whole thing will will have been forgotten by next term

185. Despite his ungainly air he is remarkably agile.  
→Although he looks ungainly, he is remarkably agile.

186. The numbers of cars on the roads must be reduced. (DOWN)  
→We must cut down on the number of cars on the roads.

187. Interrupting when someone is speaking is rude. (CUT)  
→It's rude to cut in when someone is speaking.

188. We have an emergency electricity supply in case we are cut off. (BACK)  
→If we are cut off, we can fall back on our emergency electricity supply.

189. We've decided to leave early tomorrow morning. (SET)  
→We are going to set off early tomorrow morning.

190. I know you are hiding something from me. (BACK)  
→What are you keeping back from me?

191. Come on Thursday or Friday. It's all the same to me. (DIFFERENCE)  
→Come on Thursday or Friday. It makes no difference to me .

192. Amanda has improved a lot this term. (PROGRESS)  
→Amanda has made great/good progress this term.

193. Gunman kills 3 people in Bank Drama.  
→A man with a gun kills 3 people in ...

194. The riddle of the missing heiress has been solved.  
→The police has found the cause of the missing heiress.

195. His appearance was completely unexpected.  
→His appearance was beyond our expectation.

196. He is by no means a smart boy.  
→He is not completely a smart boy.

197. I take it for granted that he is influential person.  
→I assume that he is ...

198. He won't let anyone touch his records. (OBJECTS)  
→He objects to anyone else touching his records.

199. He didn't think much of the musical show yesterday. (OPINION)  
→He had a low opinion of the musical show yesterday.

200. The concert was not as good as he had hoped. (EXPECTATIONS)  
→The concert failed to come/live up to his expectations.

201. The music teacher was the only member of staff not to attend the concert. (EXCEPTION)  
→With the exception of the music teacher every member of staff attended the concert.

202. The impression most people have of him is that he is a good singer. (REPUTATION)  
→ He has a reputation as a good singer.

203. He is said to be a very good violinist. (COMES)  
→He comes over/across as a very good violinist.

204. We missed the beginning of the concert because we had overslept. (CONSEQUENCE)  
→We missed the beginning of the concert as a consequence of oversleeping.

205. It is your duty to tell him what to do.  
→You are supposed to tell him what to do.

206. My boss works better when he's pressed for time.  
→The less hurried the boss is, the worse he works.

207. It is expected that the company can get more profit this year.  
→The company is expected to get more profit this year.

208. I was astonished by her confidence.  
→What astonished me was her confidence.

209. Someone told me my flight was cancelled when I got to the airport.  
→Arriving at the airport, someone told me my flight was cancelled.

210.I knew I had met him before, but I can't remember his name. (TONGUE)  
→I knew I had met him before, but his name is on the tip of my tongue.

211. His choice always followed what his wife decided. (STEP)  
→His choice was always in step with his wife's decision/what his wife decided.

212. Remember to write to us! (DROP)  
→Remember to drop us a line/note!

213. Phone and write to him if you can't talk directly to him. (GET)  
→Get in touch with him if you can't talk directly to him.

214. Don't worry. There will be another chance. (KEEP)  
→Keep your end up, there will be another chance.

215. On the day she agreed to marry him, he was happier than he had ever been in his life.  
→The day she agreed to marry him was the happiest he had ever had in his life.

216. Is it really necessary for me to arrive so early?  
→Do I have to arrive so early?

217. Someone has stolen the boss's car.  
→The boss has had his car stolen/ been robbed of his car.

218. Whoever did that must have been a very brave person.  
→Only a very brave person could have done that.

219. The last time we were here was in 1980.  
→We haven't been here since 1980.

220. The fourth time he asked her to marry him, she accepted.  
→Only on his fourth proposal did she accept him.

221. Has she written to you lately? (HEARD)  
→Has you heard form her lately?

222. We must have your answer tonight at the latest. (INSIST)  
→We insist on having your answer tonight at the latest.

223. We've decided to replace those plastic shower curtains with these rubber ones. (SUBSTITUTE)  
→We have decided to substitute those plastic shower curtains for these rubber ones.

224. Somebody has stolen all Miranda's jewellery. (ROBBED)  
→Miranda has been robbed of all her jewelry.

225. Nothing ever frightens him. (AFRAID)  
→He is afraid of nothing.

226. It's not my habit to get up quite so early as this. (USED)  
→I am not used to getting up quite so early like this.

227. Everything went well that morning. (NOTHING)  
→Nothing went wrong that morning.

228. A portion of strawberries and cream costs a lot in the café. (CHARGES)  
→The café charges a lot for a portion ...

229. How likely am I to pass the examination, do you think? (CHANCE)  
→What chance have I of passing the examination, do you think?

230. He had no idea how difficult the exercise would be until he was half way through it.  
→Only when he was half way through the exercise did he realize how difficult it was.

231. Further progress was impossible because of the floods.  
→The floods made further progress impossible.

232. As he rose to speak, the crowd began cheering.  
→The cheering from the crowd began as he rose to speak.

233. We had not expected that we should have so much difficulty in finding the place.  
→The place was much more difficult to find than we had expected.

234. Our present financial problems will soon be a thing of the past.  
→We'll soon find a solution to/overcome our present financial problems.

235.It's nobody's fault that the meeting was cancelled.  
→Nobody is to blame/is responsible for the fact that the meeting was cancelled.

236. The fate of the two climbers is unknown.  
→It's a mystery as to what happened to the two climbers.

237. There is no need for us to hurry; the play doesn't start until 8:30. (TIME)  
→We can take our time; the play doesn't start until 8:30.

238. John is very self-confident. (CONFIDENCE)  
→John has a lot of confidence in himself.

239. His holiday is at exactly the same time as mine. (COINCIDES)  
→His holiday time coincides with mine.

240. He is alleged the owner of the valuable picture. (CLAIMED)

→He is claimed to be the owner of the valuable picture.

241. The way he took everything he did for granted really annoyed her. (BACK)  
→The way he took everything he did for granted really got/put her back up.

242. It was touch and go whether he recovered or not. (BALANCE)  
→It was in the balance whether he recovered or not.

243. Which of the two books would you prefer? (RATHER)  
→Which of the two books would you rather read?

244. These books have been lent by the British Council library. (LOAN)  
→These books have been on loan from the British Council library.

245. I bought a pair of shoes this morning. They cost 40 pounds.  
→This morning I spent 40 pounds on a pair of shoes.

246. Mrs. Wilson says she is sorry she didn't attend the meeting yesterday.  
→Mrs. Wilson sends her apologies for not having attended the meeting yesterday.

247. It's almost nine months since I stopped subscribing to that magazine.  
→I cancelled my subscription to that magazine nine months ago.

248. The north west of Britain has more rain each year than the southeast.  
→The annual rainfall in/for the North West of Britain is greater/higher than that in the southeast.

249. When I arrived in Canberra, I wrote a letter home.  
→On arriving in Canberra, I wrote a letter home.

250. What Rachel does in her spare time doesn't concern me. (BUSINESS)  
→It's none of my business what Rachel does in her spare time.

251. The final version of the plan was quite different form the initial draft. (RESEMBLANCE)  
→The final version of the plan bore no/little resemblance to the initial draft.

252. They feel the same way about each other. (MUTUAL)  
→Their feeling about each other is mutual.

253. The bottle must not be laid on its side. (UPRIGHT)  
→The bottle must be kept/ placed in an upright position.

254. Not many people attended the meeting. (TURNOUT)  
→There was a poor turnout for the meeting.

255. I'd like to visit Singapore more than any other countries in the world.  
→Singapore is the country I'd like to visit most.

256. She listens more sympathetically than anyone else I know.  
→She is a person who listens more sympathetically than anyone else I know.

257. People don't want to buy cars with large engines any more. (CALL)  
→There is no longer any call for cars with large engines.

258. In the end, I felt I had been right to leave the club. (REGRETS)  
→I had no regrets about leaving the club in the end.

259. His reactions are quite unpredictable. (KNOWS)  
→Nobody knows how he is going to react.

260. "If you don't apologize immediately, I'm leaving", she told him. (THREATENED)  
→She threatened to leave if he didn't apologize immediately.

261. There isn't enough space in this room for a big cupboard. (TAKE)  
→A big cupboard would take up too much space in this room.

262. Could I stay with you for the weekend? (PUT)  
→Could you put me up for the weekend?

263. The service given by the bank has improved recently. (IMPROVEMENTS)  
→The bank has made improvements to its service recently.

264. They are letting the well-known gang leader out of prison tomorrow. (RELEASED)  
→The well-known gang leader is being released from prison tomorrow.

265. Is this the only way to reach the city center?  
→Isn't there any another way to reach the city center?

266. I have never seen such a mess in my life!  
→Never in my life have I seen such a mess!

267. The weather is probably not going to change.  
→There will probably be no change in the weather.

268. I'd made up my mind, but at the last minute I lost my confidence. (FEET)  
→I'd made up my mind, but at the last minutes I got/had cold feet.

269. I couldn't help smiling when he told me of his plan. (A STRAIGHT FACE)  
→I couldn't keep a straight face when he told me of his plan.

270. He seemed to be worried about something. (IMPRESSION)  
→I had/got the impression that he was worried about something.

271. I've never seen anyone play so skillfully before. (MUCH)  
→I've never seen anyone play with so much skill before.

272. When should we collect the books we ordered last week? (SUPPOSED)  
→When are we supposed to collect the books ...

273. His memory gradually failed as he grew old.  
→The older he got, the more his memory failed him.

274. The house has got everything except for a large garden. (LACKS)  
→The only thing the house lacks is a large garden.

275. I hardly think she will agree to give you a pay rise. (LIKELIHOOD)  
→There is little likelihood of her giving you a pay rise.

276. I remained neutral during their disagreement because I like both of them. (SIDES)  
→I didn't take sides during their disagreement because I like both of them.

277. A great many people will congratulate her if she wins. (SHOWERED)  
→She will be showered with great many congratulations if she wins.

278. I'm annoyed with you for not phoning me to say you'd be late. (MIGHT)  
→You might have phoned me if you'd be late.

279. She thought she had paid the bill but she hadn't.  
→She was convinced that she had paid the bill but she hadn't.

280. The hurricane blew the roof off the house.  
→The house had its roof blown off by the hurricane.

281. This affair doesn't concern you.  
→This affair is no concern of yours.

282. He was forced to apologize. (CHOICE)  
→He had no choice but apologize.

283. John inflated the tires of his bicycle. (BLEW)  
→John blew up the tires of his bicycle.

284. Alternative medicine is a complete mystery to some people.  
→Some people are strange to alternative medicine.

285. That dress has only the slightest mark on it.  
→I can barely see any marks on that dress.

286. No one stands a chance of beating Mansell in this year's championship.  
→It's a foregone conclusion that Mansell will win this year's championship.

287. The only thing that makes this job worthwhile is the money.  
→Were it not for the money, the job wouldn't be worthwhile.

288. Her success went beyond her expectation.  
→Never had she expected that she was so successful.

289. How likely is it she will pass the exam? (CHANCES)  
→What are her chances of passing the exam?

290. He did the puzzle in two minutes. (SOLUTION)  
→He found the solution to the puzzle in two minutes.

291. My brother is not feeling terribly well. (UNDER)  
→My brother is under the weather.

292. It will be necessary to pay the full amount when you look. (HAVE)  
→The full amount will have to be paid when you look.

293. The room seemed to have been unoccupied for weeks.  
→It looked though the room had been unoccupied for weeks.

294. I didn't see her again for five years.  
→Five years have passed since I last saw her.

295. People no longer smoke so many cigarettes as they used to.  
→The smoking of cigarettes is no longer as popular as it used to be.

296. The millionaire decided to give away his money to the poor. (PRESENT)  
→The millionaire decided to make the poor a present of his money

297. There is no ice cream left. (RUN)  
→We have run out of ice cream.

298. I had better go back to work. (TIME)  
→It is high time I went back to work.

299. He is more a lecturer than a teacher.  
→He is considered a lecturer rather than a teacher.

300. I'm the only child in my family.  
→My mother gave birth to only one child.

301. She was smoking in the bathroom, I went into the bathroom and knew that. (CAUGHT)  
→I caught her smoking in the bathroom.

302. You may be disqualified if you don't obey the regulations.  
→Failure to obey the regulations may cause your disqualification.

303. He tried hard so that he would win the first prize.  
→With a view to winning the first prize, he tried hard.

304. They declared war on the pretext of defending their territorial rights.  
→The excuse for the declaration of the war is the defence of their territorial rights.

305. Can I speak to someone about my problem?  
→Would it be possible for me to talk to ...

306. He is said to be a very hard bargainer. (REPUTATION)  
→He has a reputation for being a very hard bargainer.

307. He doesn't appreciate his wife. (GRANTED)  
→He doesn't take his wife for granted.

308. The amount of firm spent on the project initially was $15,000. (OUTLAY)  
→The initial outlay on the project was $15,000.

309. It was a red-letter day.  
→That day was a memorial one for me.

310. We regret to inform you that your application has not been successful.  
→Much to our regret we must inform ...

311. He made no bones about helping me.  
→He didn't hesitate to help me.

312. He never thought of telling her.  
→It never occurred to him to tell her.

313. The dress was so tempting that I bought it.  
→I couldn't resist the temptation to buy the dress.

314. The idea no longer interests her.  
→She has gone off the idea.

315. Very little money was raised by the charity appeal. (RESPONSE)  
→The response to the charity appeal was very poor.

316. His irresponsible attitude is endangering his career as a doctor. (JEOPARDY)  
→His irresponsible attitude is putting his career as a doctor in jeopardy.

317. He liked the new job straight away. (DUCK)  
→He took to the new job like duck to water.

318. He's not sure whether to go or not. (MINDS)  
→He's in two minds about whether to go or not.

319. She has extensive knowledge of ancient Egypt. (VERY)  
→She is very knowledgeable about ancient Egypt.

320. We were very impressed by the new camera but found it rather expensive.  
→Impressed by the new camera as/though we were, we found it rather expensive.

321. The team is the same as it for last Saturday's match.  
→There have been no changes to the team since last Saturday's match.

322. Couldn't you have got a bus to the station?  
→Wasn't it possible for you to get a bus ...

323. I'm telling you this for you not to make a mistake. (FEAR)  
→I'm telling you this for fear that you might make a mistake.

324. They have security guards so that people won't try to steal. (DISCOURAGE)  
→They have security guards in order to discourage someone from trying to steal.

325. This government has changed its taxation policy completely since the last general election. (UNDERGONE)  
→This government has undergone a complete change in its taxation policy since ...

326. We won't get to the airport in less than 30 minutes. (LEAST)

→It will take us at least 30 minutes to get to the airport.

327. Claire suddenly realized what a blunder she had made. (DAWNED)  
→It suddenly dawned on Clair what a blunder she had made.

328. Collecting stamps is Peter's great passion. (CRAZY)

→Peter is crazy about collecting stamps.

329. Don't run away with the idea that this job is easy. (CONCLUSION)  
→Don't come to/draw a conclusion that this job is easy.

330. Tony's very charming, but I wouldn't trust him.  
→Charming as/though Tony may be/is, I wouldn't trust him.

331. I left without saying goodbye as I didn't want to disturb the meeting.  
→Rather than disturbing the meeting, I left without saying goodbye.

332. The thief must have come in through the window.  
→The thief almost certainly came in through the window.

333. Driving at that speed is dangerous whether you are an experienced driver or not.  
→However experienced a driver you are, driving at that speed is dangerous.

334. The play is so popular that the theater is likely to be full every night.  
→Such is the popularity of the play that the theater is likely to be full every night.

335. All of you are likely to be able to enter college. (CHANCES)  
→The chances are that all of you will be able to enter college.

336. I think his theory is clear and logical. (STANDS)  
→I think his theory stands to reason.

337. Don't panic about something so trivial. (MOUNTAIN)  
→Don't make a mountain out of the molehill.

338. Mass tourism has been one of the causes of the problem. (BLAME)  
→Mass tourism is partly to blame for the problem.

339. Teaching doesn't really suit her. (CUT)  
→She isn't really cut out for teaching.

340. Graham spends all his time doing research. (DEVOTED)  
→Graham has devoted all his time to doing research.

341. You must accept the fact that she has left you. (RESIGN)  
→You must resign yourself to the fact that she has left you.

342. My friend took no notice of my advice. (DEAF)  
→My friend turned a deaf ear to my advice.

343. She was just as good as they had thought. (CAME)  
→She came up to their expectations.

344. They will not announce the decision formally.  
→No formal announcement of the decision was made/ given.

345. She firmly believed John to be telling the truth.  
→It was her firm belief that was telling the truth.

346. Although he didn't want to pay such a high price, he had no choice.  
→Reluctant as/though he was to pay such a high price, he had no choice.

347. This is our temporary office.  
→For the time being, this is our office.

348. The spectators got so angry that they had to cancel the football match.  
→Such was the anger of the spectators that they ...

349. They arrived at the station with only a minute to spare. (NICK)  
→They arrived at the station in the nick of time.

350. She had completely forgotten him. (MIND)  
→He was completely out of her mind.

351. The man in that painting reminds me of my uncle. (BEARS)  
→The man in that picture bears a resemblance to my uncle.

352. Why you are against inviting Jackie to the party? (OBJECTION)  
→What's your objection to inviting Jackie to the party?

353. She is too busy to go shopping. (HANDS)  
→She has her hands full so cannot go shopping.

354. Just thinking about his face at that moment makes me laugh.  
→The very thought of his face at that moment makes me laugh.

355. Their chances of success are small.  
→It's not likely that they will succeed.

356. I've considered the advantages and disadvantages and I've decided not to go. (WEIGHED)  
→I've weighed up the pros and cons and ...

357. This house is very different from the little flat we used to live in. (CRY)  
→This house is a far cry from the little flat we used to live in.

358. I really want to see her again. (DYING)  
→I am dying to see her again.

359. Oil was slowly coating the edge of the shore.  
→The edge of the shore was becoming covered with oil.

360. We may not be able to give the concert.  
→The concert may have to be cancelled.

361. Alan worked too hard at the office, and this led to his illness.  
→Alan's illness was the result of/ caused by her working too hard at the office.

362. The coach's tactics were directly responsible for the team's defeat. (CONSEQUENCE)  
→The team's defeat was the direct consequence of the coach's tactics.

363. There is no point in your phoning Caroline - she's away. (TIME)  
→It is a waste of time phoning ...

364. Who will inherit the estate? (HEIR)  
→Who is the heir to the estate?

365. He likes to be addressed as "Professor". (CALL)  
→He likes people to call him "Professor".

366. The brochure gives hardly any useful information.  
→Precious little useful information is given in the brochure.

367. That reminds me of the time I climbed to the top of Mount Fuji.  
→That takes me back to the time I climbed to the ...

368. If you find it necessary, you can contact me on this number.  
→Should you find it necessary, you can ...

369. My friend persuaded me to go to the party in fancy dress.  
→My friends talked me into going the party ...

370. Mr. Foster asked me to write this letter to you.  
→It is at Mr. Foster's request that I write this letter to you.

371. He gave me a detail account of the operation.  
→He gave me a blow by blow account of the operation.

372. We agreed that each of us would do the washing up on alternative days. (TURNS)  
→We agreed to take turns to do the washing up.

373. He makes sure that he isn't associated with politics he disagrees with. (DISTANCES)  
→He makes sure that he distances himself from politics he ...

374. The new manager blames me for everything that goes wrong. (PICKING)  
→The new manager keeps picking on me for ...

375. They have narrowed the many applicants down to three. (SHORT)  
→They have sort-listed three applicants.

376. Bruce said that the situation at work was like a family argument. (LIKENED)  
→Bruce likened the situation at work to a family argument.

377. Carol pretended that she hadn't understood my request. (MADE)  
→Carol made a pretence of not having understood my request.

378. If you want good accommodation in Brighton, you should book in advance.  
→If you want good accommodation in Brighton, it is advisable to book in advance.

379. They recommended opening new factories in the depressed area.  
→They recommended that new factories should be opened in the ...

380. He's a taxi driver, so he is thoroughly familiar with the city. (HAND)  
→He's a taxi driver, so he knows the city like the back of his hand.

381. If she ever learns about this news, she'll be furious. (EARS)  
→If this news ever reaches/comes to her ears, she'll be furious.

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→If this news ever reaches/comes to her ears, she'll be furious.

402. There's a very long list of repairs. (ARM)  
→There's a list of repairs as long as your arm.

403. Do you agree with Jill Tweedie's views on male female relations?  
→Are you in agreement with Jill Tweedie's views on male female relation?

404. The local government systems was first incorporated into law in the late 19th century.  
→The late 19th century first saw the local government systems incorporated into law.

405. You certainly can't play your music after midnight.  
→I won't have you play music after midnight.

406. You have little realization of how much I have sacrificed for you.  
→Little do you realize how much I ...

407. You've got a nerve, implying that it was all my fault.  
→How dare you imply that it was all my fault.

408. My job involves working from 6 p.m till midnight.  
→I am on duty from 6 p.m till midnight.

409. We can start at either 1 PM or 2 PM.  
→It makes no difference whether we will start at 1PM or 2PM.

410. The boy was about to cry when he was reprimanded by his mother.  
→The boy was on the point of crying when he reprimanded by his mother.  
411. Alice lost all her hope; she decided to stop her business.  
→Such was her hopelessness that she decided to stop her business.

412. We have to settle this matter in a definitive manner. (ALL)  
→We have to settle this matter once and for all.

413. In the area, Thailand is much better than all other countries in football. (SHOULDERS)  
→In the area, Thailand is head and shoulders above all other countries in football.

414. He gambled, lost everything and began to owe money. (INTO)  
→He gambled, lost everything and ran into debt.

415. You should punish him severely so that others will be afraid to behave as he did. (EXAMPLE)  
→You should make an sample of him so that others will be afraid to behave as he did.

416. Did you see Alice at the party last night? (CATCH)  
→Did you catch sight of Alice at the party last night?

417. He is a generous person. (NAME)  
→Generosity is his middle name.

418. Working independently is sometimes a great advantage, I reckon.  
→I think it is sometimes a great advantage working independently.

419. To get the best result, you should work as hard as you can.  
→You should work the best you can to get the best result.

420. It was surprising the storm caused little damage in the area.  
→The storm surprisingly caused little damage in the area.

421. You won't find a school anywhere whose students get such good results.  
→Nowhere will you find a school of which the students get such good results.

422. Let's watch TV anyway. There's nothing better to do this evening.  
→We might/could just as well watch TV this evening.

423. She was so attractive that every boy in the class ran after her.  
→Such was her attractiveness that every ...

424. Despite the lack of their financial support, we will have to carry out the project.  
→Whether we have their financial support or not, we will ...

425. Your empty promises won't have any effect on her. (ICE)  
→Your empty promises won't cut any ice with her.

426. The boy does whatever his father wants in an obedient way. (ATTENDANCE)  
→The boy dances attendance on his father.

427. They have arranged to see the director tomorrow morning. (ARRANGEMENTS)  
→They have made arrangements to see ...

428. I really regret to have lost the opportunity to get the promotion. (BOAT)  
→I really regret to have missed the boat to get the promotion.

429. He was finally able to adjust himself to the new working condition. (SWING)  
→He finally got into the swing of the new working condition.

430. His grandfather is now having an operation. (KNIFE)  
→His grandfather is now under the knife.

431. His action was incomprehensible to his parents. (LOSS)  
→His parents were at a loss when they tried to understand his action.

432. You didn't attend yesterday's class so you can't do this exercise now.  
→Had you attended yesterday's class, you could do this exercise now.

433. It will be necessary for him to try harder if he wants to win the prize.  
→He will have to try harder in order to win the prize.

434. There's no one here who would not like to be in your place. (BUT)  
→here's no one here but would like to be in your space.

435. You are broke. So am I. (BOAT)  
→You are broke. I am in the same boat.

436. They fell in love when they first saw each other. (SIGHT)  
→They fell in love at first sight.

437. We continued waving until the train could not be seen any more. (SIGHT)  
→We continued waving until the train was out of sight.

438. We haven't heard from him for ages. (TOUCH)  
→We have lost touch with him for ages.

439. I'm sure the children have been doing something terrible while we've been out. (UP)  
→I'm sure the children have been getting up to something terrible ...

440. I was greatly relieved to hear that her condition was not serious.  
→It was with great relief to hear that her ...

441. It is more than likely that she will succeed as an actress.  
→She has a good chance of success as an actress.

442. You must concentrate on your work more.  
→You must apply yourself to your work more.

443. If you weren't born in this country you can't vote in the election.  
→Not having been born in this country, you can't ...

444. The police caught the burglar in the process of committing the crime. (RED)  
→The burglar was caught red-handed.

445. I suddenly realized the meaning of a "freebie". (DAWNED)  
→The meaning of a "freebie" suddenly dawned on me.

446. You look grumpy this morning. (BED)  
→You get out of bed on the wrong side this morning.

447. She felt uncomfortable in the huge hotel. (FISH)  
→She felt like a fish out of water in the huge hotel.

448. I was there when they admitted the truth. (PRESENCE)  
→They admitted the truth in my presence.

449. I've hardly done anything today. (NEXT)  
→I have done next to nothing today.

450. I am not to be disturbed under any circumstances.  
→Under no circumstances am I to be disturbed.

451. You will eventually appreciate what I am getting at.  
→In time you will appreciate what I am getting at.

452. I'd rather you didn't go.  
→I'd prefer you not to go.

453. They'll arrive soon.  
→It won't be long before they arrive.

454. There is a rumour that you stole it.  
→It is rumoured that you stole it.

455. I can't find the answer without a calculator. (OUT)  
→I can't work out the answer without a calculator.

456. I didn't expect to see Tim there! (LAST)  
→The last person I expected to see there was Tim.

457. Everyone who spoke to the victim is a suspect. (UNDER)  
→Everyone who spoke to the victim is under suspicion.

458. This is none of your business! (DOESN"T)  
→This doesn't concern you!

459. Robert had no idea of his next move. (DO)  
→Robert didn't know what he was going to do next.

460. It was only when I checked that I noticed the tyre was flat. (DID)  
→Only when I checked the tyre did I notice it was flat.

461. Please inform the relevant authorities at once. (DELAY)  
→Please inform the relevant authorities without delay.

462. She never seems to succeed, even though she works hard.  
→However hard she works, she never seems to succeed.

463. Andrew is the most generous person I have ever met.  
→I've yet to meet a more generous person than Andrew.

464. I never thought that I would win a prize.  
→It had never crossed my mind that I would win a prize.

465. I don't think the television's likely to blow up at any minute. (LIKELIHOOD)  
→There is little likelihood that the television will blow up at any minute.

466. This car only cost me five hundred pounds. (PICKED)  
→I picked this car up for only five hundred pounds.

467. Someone paid five thousands pounds for the painting. (WENT)  
→The painting went for five thousands pounds.

468. We have made neither a profit nor a loss this year. (EVEN)  
→We have broken even this year.

469. In 1967 programs began to be transmitted in color. (ADVENT)  
→1967 saw the advent of the transmission of programs in color.

470. Simon hadn't expected that he would feel so weak after the operation.  
→The operation left Simon feeling weaker than he had expected.

471. He didn't mention our previous conversation at all.  
→He made no reference to our previous conversation.

472. We were all shocked by his reaction.  
→His reaction came as a shock to all of us.

473. I find Harold's behaviour quite incomprehensible. (LOSS)  
→I am at a loss to understand Harold's behaviour.

474. The severity of the punishment bore no relation to the seriousness of the crime. (PROPORTION)  
→The severity of the punishment was out of proportion to the crime.

475. I'm afraid our problems are only just beginning. (ICEBERG)  
→ These problems of ours are just the tip of the iceberg,

476. Thomas was not given details of the company's new projects. (DARK)  
→Thomas was kept in the dark about the company's new projects.

477. I was too scared to tell him what I really thought. (LACKED)  
→I lacked the courage to tell him what I really thought.

478. The police ended the fighting between the 2 gangs by arresting the leader. (STOP)  
→The police put a stop to the fighting ...

479. Colin's inability to make sound judgement dates from his accident.  
→Ever since his accident, Colin has been unable to make sound judgement.

480. Critics are hoping the new director can bring some positive changes into the French film industry. (BREATHE)  
→Critics are hoping the new director can breathe new life into ...

481. It is very difficult to give the exact value of a table like this. (FIGURE)  
→It is very difficult to put an exact figure on the value of a table like this.

482. Five boys on a motorbike at the speed of 60 mph are very likely to end up in hospital. (RECIPE)  
→Five boys on a motorbike ... mph is a recipe for disaster.

483. Detectives had stopped working on the Horsley murders three years previously. (BOOK)  
→Detectives had closed the book on ...

484. He is very good at cooking spaghetti. (DAB)  
→He is a dab hand at cooking spaghetti.

485. We all want to make him realise that he is not as important as he thinks. (SIZE)  
→We all want to cut him down to size.

486. He really disappointed me when breaking the promise to help me out. (TEETH)  
→He really kicked me in the teeth when ...

487. He died, having nothing of his own. (NAME)  
→He died with no thing to his name.

488. Have a look at this picture. It may help you to remember something. (JOG)  
→Have a look at this picture. It may help you to jog your memory.

489. He is becoming quite famous as an interviewer. (NAME)  
→He is making a name for himself as an interviewer.

490. Social scientists find it hard to accept that the fall in the birth rate is responsible for the old age. (Resistance)  
→There is resistance among social scientists to the idea that the fall ...

491. The Minister gave no precise figures about the casualties. (GO INTO)  
→The Minister didn't go into detail about the casualties.

492. He doesn't think very highly of politicians.  
→He's got a low opinion of politicians.

493. One advantage of living in the city is the range of clothes shops.  
→One point in favour of living in the ...

494. Mary explained the problem surprisingly clearly.  
→Mary explained the problem with surprising clarity.

495. We have credited the money to your current account at this bank.  
→We have placed the money to the credit of your current account at this bank.

496. Your silly questions distracted me.  
→You drove me to distraction with your silly questions.

497. I like her a lot. (AFFECTION)  
→I have a lot of affection for her.

498. For gymnastics and skiing, regular practise is needed.  
→Sports such as gymnastics and skiing need regular practise.

499. I find it surprising that she didn't like her present.  
→I would have thought that she would have liked her present.

500. A new flu vaccine has been on trial since the beginning of the year.  
→They have been trying out/testing a new flu vaccine since the ...

501. I'm afraid that I think he shouldn't marry her.  
→I can't help feeling that he ...

502. They sent him to prison for three years. (SENTENCED)  
→He was sentenced to three years in prison/ three years' imprisonment.

503. I'm sorry I missed Professor Baker's lecture.  
→I'm sorry not to have attended Professor Baker's lecture.

504. "That's a lovely new dress, Jean", said her mother.  
→Jean's mother complimented her on her lovely new dress.

505. Tim looks nothing like his father. (TAKE)  
→Tim doesn't take after his father at all.

506. He watched videos all day. (ENTIRE)  
→He spent the entire day watching videos.

507. I never thought of going by train. (OCCURRED)  
→It never occurred to me that I could go by train.

508. The cause of the explosion is still unknown. (CAUSED)  
→What caused the explosion is still unknown.

509. The train is 5 minutes late in leaving. (DUE)  
→The train was due to leave 5 minutes ago.

510. The children are in disgrace for being so badly behaved.  
→The children are under a cloud because of their bad behaviour.

511. John spends all his time working. (DEVOTED)  
→John devoted to his work.

512. Mary knew what the answer was after reading the book.  
→By the time she finished reading the book, Mary knew what the answer was.

513. The President's bodyguards stood behind him, watching.  
→Watchfully standing behind the President were his bodyguards.

514. I find his clothes the most irritating about him.  
→What most irritates me about him is his clothes.

515. The young man was very embarrassed because his proposal was turned down. (REJECTION)  
→The rejection of his proposal greatly embarrassed the young man.

516. It is not worth trying to save endangered species. (WASTE)  
→It is a waste of time trying to save endangered species.

517. I took little notice of the girl standing at the gate.  
→I didn't pay much attention to the girl standing at the gate.

518. The Prime Minister resigned because of his sudden illness. (RESULTED)  
→The Prime Minister's resignation resulted from his sudden illness.

519. Did the football team play any better last weekend?  
→Was there any improvement in the way the football team played last weekend?

520. There is a risk that the black rhino will become extinct. (THREATENED)  
→The black rhino is threatened with extinction.

521. She doesn't know why they are attracted to spending all day on the beach.  
→She can't see the attraction of spending all day on the beach.

522. I would do anything to prevent him from going there.  
→There is nothing I wouldn't do to ...

523. He said he had won as a result of good luck.  
→He attributed his victory/success to good luck.

524. Our new Director wants to call her "Madam". (ADDRESSED)  
→Our new Director wants to be addressed as "Madam".

525. We'll have to make up our minds by the end of the week, won't we? (BE)  
→A decision will have to be made by the end of the week, won't it?

526. Surely nobody likes it when people make fun of them in public. (BEING)  
→Surely nobody likes being made fun of in public.

527. You should have called the doctor at once.  
→It was wrong of you not to call the doctor at once.

528. We have no option but to collect this license free.  
→The collection of this license free is obligatory.

529. He can shout even louder but I still won't take any notice.  
→No matter how much louder he can shout, I still won't take ...

530. That's none of your business.  
→That's nothing to do with you.

531. No sooner had he been appointed to the post than the new editor fell ill.  
→Immediately after his appointment to the post, the new ...

532. You should excuse his bad manners; he's only a child. (ALLOWANCES)  
→You should make allowances for his bad manner; ...

533. Life in the countryside was completely different from that in the city. (DIFFERENCE)  
→There was a complete difference between life in the countryside and that in the city.

534. For thousands of years, people have highly believed in supernatural powers.  
→Thousands of years ago, people had high belief in ...

535. Telephone has brought convenience to people all over the world.  
→Tele has been convenient to people all over the world.

536. A man with high ambition will never find leisured time in his life. (AMBITIOUS)  
→Highly ambitious man will ...

537. She was finally persuaded to travel by train. (PERSUASION)  
→She finally accepted the persuasion of traveling by train.

538. She didn't inherit anything under her uncle's will.  
→Her uncle didn't leave her anything in his will.

539. They had been lost in mountains for three days but they looked strong and healthy.  
→Even though they had been lost in mountains for three days but they looked strong and healthy.  
540. I'll find that man no matter how long it takes.  
→However long it takes I will find that man.

541. This is the most amusing thing I have ever read. (SUCH)  
→I have never read such an amusing thing before.

542. What are you thinking at the moment?  
→What are in your mind at the moment?

543. Mary rang hours and hours ago. (THAT)  
→It was Mary that rang hours and hours ago.

544. It was easy for us to find the house.  
→We had no difficulty in finding the house.

545. Attendance at the exhibition has been down this year.  
→The exhibition has not been so well attended this year.

546. It shouldn't have surprised me that my children didn't like the new, cheaper ice-scream.  
→I might have known that my children wouldn't like ...

547. Don't go to lunch until you have typed all these letters.  
→Make sure you finish tying all these letters before going to lunch.

548. He didn't realise until that moment how much he loved her.  
→Only then that moment did he realise how much he ...

549. You can leave only when I tell you.  
→Until I tell you, you cannot leave.

550. I think you should go by train. (WERE)  
→If I were you, I would ...

551. It wasn't my fault the business failed.  
→Through no fault of mine that the business failed.

552. David played the main role when the proposal was drafted. (INSTRUMENTAL)  
→David was instrumental in drafting the proposal.

553. If you hadn't changed our original agreement, everything would have been fine. (STUCK TO)  
→If you had stuck to our ...

554. I think you should have some consideration for those who don't have lives at privilege as yours. (SPARE)  
→ I think you should spare a thought for - those/ (the) people whose lives aren't as privileged as yours.

555. When I heard her speak, it affected me profoundly. (IMPACT)  
→When I heard her speak, it made a profound impact on me.

556. The rain in Ha Noi last October was the biggest one since 1984.  
→No rain in Ha Noi since 1984 was as big as the one last October.

557. Nick told one of the detectives that he had taken the cashbox.  
→Nick admitted to one of the detectives that ...

558. We cannot see animals in a vast area after the forest fire. (ADSENCE)  
→There is an absence of animal in vast area after the forest fire.

559. Our environment is polluted seriously. (POLLUTION)  
→There is a serious pollution in our environment.

560. We cannot make any comparison with her sacrifice. (COMPARE)  
→We can compare nothing else with her sacrifice.

561. A huge investment has been put into the field of hydro-electricity. (INVEST)  
→They invest a big fund/ sum of money in the field of hydro-electricity.