

B1_ WRITING PART 1: SENTENCE TRANSFORMATION

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SENTENCE TRANSFORMATION PRACTICE EXERCISE

I. Past simple → Present perfect

1. My uncle last painted his house last year.
My uncle _____
2. They last visited me 5 years ago.
They _____
3. Mary last took some pictures when she was on holiday last year.
Mary _____
4. My children last ate ice cream last summer.
My children _____
5. The last time my sister bought some clothes was 9 months ago.
My sister _____
6. He last wrote to his parents 6 months ago.
He last _____
7. They last had a holiday abroad in 2019.
They _____
8. Janet started playing the piano when she was in grade 5.
Janet _____
9. These workers began working in that factory in 2001.
These workers _____
10. My friends began studying English 15 years ago.
My friends _____

II. Comparison

1. No student in the class is as smart as Bill.
Bill _____
2. The countryside is more peaceful than the city.
Yesterday morning _____
3. The seats at the front are more expensive than the seats at the back.
The seats at the back _____
4. No city in Britain is as exciting as Liverpool.
Liverpool _____
5. Speaking Japanese is easier than writing Japanese.
Writing Japanese _____
6. Travelling by plane is more comfortable than by train.
Travelling by train _____
7. The countryside is not as noisy as the city.
The city _____
8. Many people say that no city in the world is as romantic as Venice.
Many people say that Venice is _____

9. No place on the Earth is as cold as Antarctica.

Antarctica _____

10. Central Park in New York is bigger than Hyde Park in London.

Hyde Park in London _____

III. Relative clauses (Combine sentences using who, which & where)

1. He worked for a woman. She used to be an artist.

2. They called a doctor. He lived nearby.

3. I wrote an email to my sister. She lives in Italy.

4. The police officer has just arrested a man. He robbed the bank.

5. We broke a car. It belonged to my uncle.

6. Nam loves books. They have happy endings.

7. I first learned English from a book. I've just reread it.

8. She opened the cupboard. She kept her best glasses in there.

9. This is a very old house. General Giap lived here.

10. There's a great new bookshop in town. You can buy all the latest magazines there.

IV.1 First conditional

1. I'll be very disappointed unless he passes his exam.

If _____

2. They won't let her into the concert if she doesn't have a ticket.

Unless _____

3. If she doesn't water these plants, they will die.

Unless _____

4. I won't be able to do any work if I don't have a quiet room.

Unless _____

5. If you don't stop smoking, you will be seriously ill.

Unless _____

6. She won't agree to that unless you accept her suggestion.

If _____

7. If she doesn't pay up, we're going to be in real trouble.

Unless _____

8. If it doesn't rain this August, there will be water shortages.

Unless _____

9. Unless it stops raining, we will not have a picnic.

If _____

10. Unless you start now, you will not reach there in time.

If _____

IV.2. Rewrite the sentences with the second conditional.

1. I can't take you to the airport because I don't have a car.

2. I have a headache. I can't go swimming.

3. We don't take a holiday this year because we haven't got any money.

4. We don't live in a big house. We can't invite friends to stay.

5. Kevin doesn't get good grades because he doesn't study much.

6. Francis works very hard. He doesn't have time to spend with his family.
7. Andrea doesn't pay attention in class. Then she doesn't understand the homework.
8. Johnny's mom often gets angry with Johnny because he doesn't pick up his toys.
9. Ben drives too fast so he gets a lot of speeding tickets.
10. Andrew coughs a lot because he smokes.

V. Direct speech → Reported speech

1. Jane said, "I want to study medicine, father."
2. "I studied music for five years." Alex said
3. "I've been to Shanghai." She said
4. "We can help you." John said
5. He said to me, "I saw your friend at the cinema yesterday."
6. Mr West said, "I am very tired."
7. He said, "I am flying to Rome tomorrow."
8. George said, "I have lived in this village all my life."
9. Peter said to me 'I can't go out with you because I am not feeling well.'
10. Helen said to me, "I hope you have enjoyed yourself."

VI. Modal Verbs: Rewrite the following sentences using *Must(n't)*, *Should(n't)* and forms of *Have to*

1. Why was it necessary for you to go to school last Saturday?
Why did you _____
2. I don't think it's a good idea for you to spend too much time playing games.
You _____
3. It's necessary for the children to wear a uniform.
The children _____
4. I think it would be a good idea to say sorry to your parents.
You _____
5. It is not a good idea for you to drink so much coffee.
You _____
6. It is not necessary for him to apologize. He was absolutely right.
He doesn't _____
7. It is necessary for us to give him our answer today or we'll lose out on the contract.
We have _____
8. It's a good idea for you to go and lie down.
You _____
9. It's not necessary for you to learn all the new words.
You _____
10. Is it necessary for you to attend every English lesson?
Do you _____

11. It would be a good idea if Harry took a holiday.

You _____

12. It's not a good idea to leave a child unsupervised

You _____

13. It is necessary to register in advance to take the course.

You _____

14. It is not necessary to read all those books.

You _____

15. I think she needs to spend more time with you.

You _____

VII. Although ↔ Despite/ In spite of

1. *Although* she is beautiful, everybody hates her.

In spite of _____

2. Jane rarely sees Alan *although* they are neighbors.

In spite of _____

3. Kate did not do well in the exam *in spite of* working very hard.

Although _____

4. *Although* I was very hungry, I couldn't eat.

In spite of _____

5. *In spite of* the difficulty, they managed to solve the math problem.

Although _____

6. She decided to go abroad for a year *in spite of* loving her boyfriend very much.

Although _____

7. *Although* it was cold, Marie didn't put on her coat.

In spite of _____

8. Clare did the work *in spite of* being ill.

Although _____

9. *Although* the weather was bad, we enjoyed our trip.

In spite of _____

10. The children slept well *in spite of* the noise.

Although _____