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90 C1 SENTENCE
TRANSFORMATIONS WITH
ANSWERS

Fill in the gaps with 3-6 words so that the second sentence has the same meaning as the first:

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He _____ error of his ways before too long.

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It _____ the mirror and had a long hard think.

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I _____ the developer.

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_____ so hard in such a daunting task.

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I _____ another appointment at the end of the day.

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SELDOM

_____ so much in such a short space of time.

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_____ his business set up his business when he became rich.

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If I could get away with it, I would consider skiving off work.

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My best friends don't mind if I sign up to the same gym as them or not.

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It makes _____ join an extracurricular activity or not to my parents.

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I think you owe me an apology, you should think about my feelings more.

ACCOUNT

I think you should say sorry to me for _____.

In the unlikely scenario that we both end up living together at university, I don't want you to be so noisy or messy.

RELUCTANT

I would _____ a flat with you if continue being so noisy and messy.

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"Why don't you split up with your husband? He is really bad news" Inés asked Anabel.

BREAK

Inés wanted _____ her husband because he is bad news..

I couldn't believe it when I by chance saw Michael in the street.

BUMP

It came as a _____ Samuel in the street.

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I couldn't help _____ funny moments in the book.

You have let me down and what is worse, you have let yourself down.

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I feel really _____ is worse is that you have let yourself down.

The child wasn't just teasing his classmate, he was being aggressive too.

ONLY

Not **only** _____ fun of his classmate, he was being aggressive too.

It isn't worth talking to people if they are only going to be rude to you.

IMPOLITE

If I were you, I wouldn't talk _____ to you.

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He clearly forgot to collect the package the other day, he left it way too late.

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It is clear that he didn't _____ as it was waiting for a long time.

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I am keen to _____ now and again to have a gossip.

Do you ever have to spend time with people you don't get on with?

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Must _____ anyone you don't get along with much?

It might be a good idea to keep on working on the project for a few more months.

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It could _____ on working on the project for a few more months.

I'll carry on training providing that you give me a helping hand.

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_____ help me out, I'll carry on with my training.

Please inform your tutor if you have gone off your timetable.

LIKING

Let your tutor _____ your timetable.

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If it is the same to you, I'd rather get on with the project as to not fall behind.

CATCH

I'd rather _____ so I want to get started on the project as soon as possible if you don't mind.

The central office is now being run by new owners from Madrid.

OVER

Some new owners from Madrid _____ the central office.

I have never had to put in so much extra hours in my life.

WORKED

Never _____ so hard in my life as I am right now.

If I had a better chance of a promotion, I would put up with the bad attitude of my boss with ease.

ABLE

Unfortunately, I _____ for my boss' bad attitude due to knowing I won't get promoted.

Only at the end of the day did I remember to inform my boss that i was quitting.

REMEMBERED

I _____ boss that I was leaving at the end of the day.

You must never hand in an assignment late of you will have to face the consequences.

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No assignment must _____ or you will have to live with the consequences.

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Hardly _____ his business when he went bankrupt.

It still remains to be seen if we will get over the problems in our relationship.

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I do _____ we will get over our relationship problems.

I am struggling to get to grips with the vocabulary in this unit.

TROUBLE

I am _____ my head around the vocabulary in this unit.

If you would not mind telling me who you are, I might be able to help you.

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If you _____ to tell me who you are, I could help you.

13. Sentence transformations for the C1 Advanced

It is only due to the quality of the course that everyone passes the exam.

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It is the quality of the course that _____.

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Rebecca asked _____ Jacob.

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EVERY

Marc has _____ his language learning App successful.

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It r_____ if it was a good decision or not.

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ON

They study English at INTERCAMBIOIDIOMASONLINE _____ a friend.

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Answer sheets: C1 ADVANCED SENTENCE TRANSFORMATIONS 1-15

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I would be **up for lying on my CV**, as long as no one found out.

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The worrying news of the redundancies at the firm **was given to you** I take it.

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Do not hesitate to ask **if you should require anything** else concerning the matter.

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He **is bound to realise the** error of his ways before too long.

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The small print at the end of a contract I had previously signed, **caught me out**.

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I have taken quite **a fancy to birdwatching** in the last few years.

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I **got my website upgraded by** the developer.

It is well known that sustainable living is increasing in popularity in many rural areas.

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Sustainable living is **known to be increasing** in popularity in many rural areas.

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Governments **seem to be unwilling** to change their current policies.

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