Key word transformations

1 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given. There is an example at the beginning.

Example:
It hasn’t taken Sam long to learn Spanish.
picked
Sam .................. has picked up .................. Spanish very quickly.

1 We must take as much advantage as possible of any opportunity to speak English.
most
We have .............................................................. any opportunity to speak English.

2 Honestly, I don’t mind where we go for our summer holidays.
matter
Honestly, ............................................................. me where we go for our summer holidays.

3 Could you speak English when you were younger?
able
When you were younger, .................................................. speak English?

4 What’s the answer to sixteen minus eight?
away
If you ............................................................. sixteen, what’s the answer?

5 Three hundred students entered the swimming competition last year.
part
Three hundred students ............................................. the swimming competition last year.

6 The students will finish their English course at the end of June.
have
The English course ............................................. the beginning of July.
7 There will be no more oil available in this area in 2030.
\begin{itemize}
\item run
\end{itemize}
Oil supplies in this area \ldots by the year 2031.

8 My sister doesn’t like computer games very much.
\begin{itemize}
\item keen
\end{itemize}
My sister computer games.

9 ‘Did you eat the chocolates?’ Maria said to Peter.
\begin{itemize}
\item asked
\end{itemize}
Maria eaten the chocolates.

10 Bob hadn’t seen his uncle for several years.
\begin{itemize}
\item gone
\end{itemize}
After several years , Bob saw his uncle again.

11 I needed a cup of coffee this morning but I didn’t have time for one.
\begin{itemize}
\item done
\end{itemize}
I a cup of coffee this morning but I didn’t have time for one.

12 I’m not going to tolerate this untidiness any longer.
\begin{itemize}
\item up
\end{itemize}
I have no intention this untidiness any longer.

13 We went for a walk although it was raining yesterday.
\begin{itemize}
\item spite
\end{itemize}
We went for a walk yesterday.

14 I’m sure it will be raining tomorrow.
\begin{itemize}
\item bound
\end{itemize}
It raining tomorrow.

15 Could I borrow some change for the telephone?
\begin{itemize}
\item lend
\end{itemize}
Could some change for the telephone?

16 It’s ages since my sister and I had an argument.
\begin{itemize}
\item out
\end{itemize}
My sister and I ages.
17 We are friends although we have disagreements about some things.

despite
We are friends .......................................................... disagree about some things.

18 Has John caught a cold?

down
Can you tell me if ...................................................... with a cold?

19 I was really bored by the film last night.

found
I .......................................................... last night.

20 I think it's time the children went to bed now.

had
I think the children ................................................ to bed now.

21 The problem we were faced with was a serious one.

came
The problem we .......................................................... was a serious one.

22 It was a mistake not to apply for the job.

wish
I .......................................................... for the job.

23 Being rich has no connection with being happy.

nothing
Being rich .......................................................... being happy.

24 I can't wait to see the sights in London.

forward
I .......................................................... the sights in London.

25 The tourist trade is much better now than it was last month.

picked
The tourist trade .......................................................... noticeably since last month.

26 Governments should preserve all the world's languages.

ought
All the world's languages .......................................................... governments.
27 The tennis players’ match is still going on.

finished
The tennis players ................. yet.

28 What time does your plane land tomorrow?

when
Can you tell ................. tomorrow?

29 The family always spent their holidays climbing in the mountains.

used
The family’s holidays ......................... climbing in the mountains.

30 Physical exercise won’t hurt you if you are careful.

do
Physical exercise won’t ................. if you are careful.

31 How does a rock climber differ from a mountaineer?

between
What ................. a rock climber and a mountaineer?

32 This new dining table is bigger than the one we had before.

not
The dining table we had before ......................... this new one.

33 It was not a good idea for you to refuse the offer of that job.

down
You should ................. the offer of that job.

34 My teacher suggested that I spent the summer in England.

advised
My teacher ......................... the summer in England.

35 The film is not as interesting as the novel was.

much
The novel ......................... the film.

36 Will your neighbours look after your dog when you go away?

take
Do you know if your neighbours ................. your dog when you go away?
37 Tom, wouldn’t it be a good idea to take the students swimming tomorrow?
   how
   Tom, .............................................................. the students
   swimming tomorrow?

38 Miss Jones first came to teach us a month ago.
   for
   Miss Jones ...................................................... a month now.

39 We are noticing a rise in the cost of living again.
   appears
   The cost of living ................................................. again.

40 While we were going home, we had an accident.
   way
   We ............................................................... home when we had an
   accident.

41 I’m worried about that bruise on your hand.
   look
   I don’t ............................................................. that bruise on your hand.

42 Susan has had no success with her plans to work abroad, unfortunately.
   through
   Susan’s plans to work abroad .................................. ,
   unfortunately.

43 ‘Don’t forget to phone tomorrow,’ said my mother.
   told
   My mother ....................................................... to phone the
   next day.

44 ‘Did anyone notice anything unusual?’ asked the police officer.
   if
   The police officer wanted to ...................................
   anything unusual.

45 Whatever you do, don’t lift that heavy suitcase.
   up
   I’d advise you not ................................................... that heavy
   suitcase.

46 Maybe John has not remembered about tonight’s party.
   could
   I suppose John ................................................... about
   tonight’s party.
47 You should not think that the accident was your fault.
   blame
   It would be wrong ......................................................... for the accident.

48 I am sure Maria finds reading interesting because she has lots of books.
   must
   Maria ................................................................. reading because she has lots of books.

49 I hope you were not discouraged by Sandra from going to the concert.
   put
   I hope Sandra .............................................................. going to the concert.

50 I have been to this restaurant three times now.
   time
   This ................................................................. I have been to this restaurant now.

51 I am so exhausted that I won't be able to go out tonight.
   too
   I ................................................................. go out tonight.

52 The runners had a difficult time competing in the race.
   part
   The runners who .......................................................... the race had a difficult time.

53 Do you know when the race is being held next year?
   place
   When ................................................................. next year?

54 It will be necessary to send this letter first class.
   have
   This letter ................................................................. first class.

55 ‘Are you waiting to be served?’ said the waitress to me.
   asked
   The waitress .............................................................. waiting to be served.

56 Buying those jeans was not a sensible thing for me to do yesterday.
   only
   If .............................................................. those jeans yesterday.
57 The owner established the company in 2001.
   up
   The company ......................................................... the owner in 2001.

58 We booked seats but it was not necessary because there was plenty of room.
   booked
   We ................................................................. seats because there was
   plenty of room.

59 It is difficult for Paul to decide what to do.
   mind
   Paul finds it difficult ........................................... what to do.

60 Bad weather delayed the building project for several weeks.
   set
   The building project ............................................. for
   several weeks by the bad weather.

61 Sara cleaned every bit of her room before her cousin came to stay.
   top
   Sara cleaned her room ...........................................
   before her cousin came to stay.

62 Travelling by bus is cheaper than travelling by train.
   more
   Travelling by train .............................................. travelling
   by bus.

63 Leaving school made me realise that my childhood was over.
   brought
   Leaving school .................................................. me that my
   childhood was over.

64 I never find time to tidy my desk.
   round
   I never ................................................................. my desk.

65 Please behave as if you are in your own house during your stay.
   make
   I’d like you all ..................................................... home during
   your stay.

66 I am not tall enough to reach the top of this cupboard.
   taller
   If I ................................................................. reach the top of this
   cupboard.
67 I’d like you to connect me to the managing director’s extension number.
through
Could you ...................................................... the managing
director’s extension number?

68 To tell the truth, we need a swimming pool for this school.
what
To tell the truth, ...................................................... a
swimming pool for this school.

69 Do you know whose this umbrella is, by any chance?
belongs
Do you know ...................................................... , by any chance?

70 Was it Paul’s idea to go to the cinema?
came
Was it Paul ...................................................... the idea of going
to the cinema?

71 The boats began to move slowly out of the harbour.
way
The boats slowly ...................................................... out of the
harbour.

72 One runner did not succeed in finishing the race.
able
One runner ...................................................... the race.

73 It is not my fault that the glass broke.
blame
You cannot ...................................................... the glass.

74 I am starting to find watching television boring.
fed
I am beginning to get ...................................................... television.

75 Bad weather makes me feel really unhappy in the winter.
down
Bad weather ...................................................... in the winter.

76 Fog delayed my flight to Moscow this morning.
up
My flight to Moscow ...................................................... this
morning.
77 Help was urgently needed in the flooded area of the country.

need
They were ................................................................. in the flooded area of the country.

78 I went to Italy with the intention of learning Italian.

that
I went to Italy ............................................................. Italian.

79 Remember to return the videos you have rented.

back
Don’t ................................................................. the videos you have rented.

80 While we were going home yesterday we got caught in a thunderstorm.

way
We got caught in a thunderstorm while we were ............................................................. yesterday.

81 Has Mary altered her decision about moving to the countryside?

mind
Do you know if Mary ............................................................. about moving to the countryside?

82 I’d like Kevin to stop telling me what to do.

wish
I ............................................................. telling me what to do!

83 ‘Are you pleased it’s nearly half-term?’ said the teacher to us.

know
The teacher wanted ............................................................. pleased it was nearly half-term.

84 We are earning less than we are spending, I’m afraid.

expenditure
Our ................................................................. our income, I’m afraid.

85 I don’t think having luxuries in life is necessary.

necessity
I don’t ................................................................. having luxuries in life.

86 I don’t earn anything like the amount I did before.

nowhere
I earn ................................................................. as I did before.
87 The date for the Barcelona Conference is the 23rd of March.

place
The Barcelona Conference ............................................................... the 23rd of March.

88 The house was not very attractive in appearance when we first saw it.

much
The house was ........................................................................ at when we first saw it.

89 No-one wants to buy this type of music any more.

longer
There .............................................................. for this type of music.

90 Looking back, I think I was right to study mathematics at university.

regret
Looking back, I ........................................................ mathematics at university.

91 Our spending will have to be reduced next year.

back
We will have ........................................................... our spending next year.

92 The children were absolutely certain that the film would be fantastic.

doubt
There ............................................................... minds of the children that the film would be fantastic.

93 Did anyone raise the subject of the school trip?

brought
Can you tell me ........................................................ the subject of the school trip?

94 I started learning English three years ago.

been
I ............................................................... three years.

95 They are moving our oral examination to an earlier date.

forward
Our oral examination ........................................................ to an earlier date.

96 ‘Do you want to go for a walk?’ asked Bob.

felt
Bob asked me ........................................................ for a walk.
97 Olivia did not concentrate so she made a lot of mistakes.
   would
   If Olivia .......................................................... made fewer mistakes.

98 Do you happen to know the time of the next train to London?
   could
   I wonder .......................................................... me the time of the
   next train to London.

99 The children are always fascinated by nature programmes on TV.
   find
   The children ....................................................... when they
   watch them on TV.

100 ‘What about going for a swim?’ said John to me.
   should
   John ............................................................... for a swim.
to make the most of  how about taking
it doesn’t/does not matter to  has been teaching us/has been our
taken you able to  teacher for
took eight away/away eight from  appears to be rising
will have finished by  were on our way
will (have) run out  like the look of
isn’t/is not very keen on  have fallen through
asked Peter if he had  told me not to forget/to remember
had gone by  know if anyone had noticed
could have done with  to pick up
doing of putting up with  could have forgotten
in spite of the rain  to blame yourself/yourselves
is bound to be  must be interested in
you lend me  didn’t/did not put you off
haven’t/have not fallen out for  am too exhausted to
the fact that we  is the third time
John has gone/come down  is the race taking place
found the film really boring  will have/need to be sent
had better go  asked me if I was
came up against  only I had not/hadn’t bought
wish I had/I’d applied  was set up by
has nothing to do with  needn’t/need not have booked
looking forward to seeing  making/to make up his mind
has picked up  was set back
ought to be preserved by  from top to bottom
have not/haven’t finished their/the match  is more expensive than
me when your plane lands  brought it home to
used to be spent  get round to tidying
do you any harm  to make yourselves at
the difference between  were/was taller I could
was not as big as  put me through to
not have turned down  what we need is
advised me to spend  who this umbrella belongs to
was much more interesting than  who/that came up with
will take care of  made their way
72 was not/wasn’t able to finish
73 blame me for breaking
74 fed up with watching
75 really gets me down
76 was held up by fog
77 in urgent need of help
78 so that I could learn
79 forget to take/bring back
80 on our way home
81 has changed her mind
82 wish (that) Kevin would stop
83 to know if we were
84 expenditure is more/greater than
85 see the/any necessity of/in
86 nowhere near as much
87 takes place/will take place/is taking place on
88 not much to look
89 is no longer any demand
90 do not/don’t regret studying
91 to cut back on
92 was no doubt in the
93 if anyone brought up
94 have been learning English for
95 is being brought/moved forward
96 if I felt like going
97 had concentrated she would have
98 if you could tell
99 always find nature programmes fascinating
100 suggested (that) we should go