

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.

run

Oil supplies in this area by
the year 2031.

8 My sister doesn't like computer games very much.

keen

My sister computer games.

9 'Did you eat the chocolates?' Maria said to Peter.

asked

Maria eaten the chocolates.

10 Bob hadn't seen his uncle for several years.

gone

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.

done

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.

up

I have no intention this
untidiness any longer.

13 We went for a walk although it was raining yesterday.

spite

We went for a walk
yesterday.

14 I'm sure it will be raining tomorrow.

bound

It raining tomorrow.

15 Could I borrow some change for the telephone?

lend

Could some change for the
telephone?

16 It's ages since my sister and I had an argument.

out

My sister and I ages.

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- 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 am 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.
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- 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?
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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.

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- 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.
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- 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.
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- 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.
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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.

Key word transformations

Answer key

- 1 to make the most of
- 2 it doesn't/does not matter to
- 3 were you able to
- 4 take eight away/away eight from
- 5 took part in
- 6 will have finished by
- 7 will (have) run out
- 8 isn't/is not very keen on
- 9 asked Peter if he had
- 10 had gone by
- 11 could have done with
- 12 of putting up with
- 13 in spite of the rain
- 14 is bound to be
- 15 you lend me
- 16 haven't/have not fallen out for
- 17 despite the fact that we
- 18 John has gone/come down
- 19 found the film really boring
- 20 had better go
- 21 came up against
- 22 wish I had/I'd applied
- 23 has nothing to do with
- 24 looking forward to seeing
- 25 has picked up
- 26 ought to be preserved by
- 27 have not/haven't finished their/the match
- 28 me when your plane lands
- 29 used to be spent
- 30 do you any harm
- 31 is the difference between
- 32 was not as big as
- 33 not have turned down
- 34 advised me to spend
- 35 was much more interesting than
- 36 will take care of
- 37 how about taking
- 38 has been teaching us/has been our teacher for
- 39 appears to be rising
- 40 were on our way
- 41 like the look of
- 42 have fallen through
- 43 told me not to forget/to remember
- 44 know if anyone had noticed
- 45 to pick up
- 46 could have forgotten
- 47 to blame yourself/yourselves
- 48 must be interested in
- 49 didn't/did not put you off
- 50 is the third time
- 51 am too exhausted to
- 52 took part in
- 53 is the race taking place
- 54 will have/need to be sent
- 55 asked me if I was
- 56 only I had not/hadn't bought
- 57 was set up by
- 58 needn't/need not have booked
- 59 making/to make up his mind
- 60 was set back
- 61 from top to bottom
- 62 is more expensive than
- 63 brought it home to
- 64 get round to tidying
- 65 to make yourselves at
- 66 were/was taller I could
- 67 put me through to
- 68 what we need is
- 69 who this umbrella belongs to
- 70 who/that came up with
- 71 made their way

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| 72 was not/wasn't able to finish | 87 takes place/will take place/is taking place on |
| 73 blame me for breaking | 88 not much to look |
| 74 fed up with watching | 89 is no longer any demand |
| 75 really gets me down | 90 do not/don't regret studying |
| 76 was held up by fog | 91 to cut back on |
| 77 in urgent need of help | 92 was no doubt in the |
| 78 so that I could learn | 93 if anyone brought up |
| 79 forget to take/bring back | 94 have been learning English for |
| 80 on our way home | 95 is being brought/moved forward |
| 81 has changed her mind | 96 if I felt like going |
| 82 wish (that) Kevin would stop | 97 had concentrated she would have |
| 83 to know if we were | 98 if you could tell |
| 84 expenditure is more/greater than | 99 always find nature programmes fascinating |
| 85 see the/any necessity of/in | 100 suggested (that) we should go |
| 86 nowhere near as much | |