

Cambridge English
Advanced

KEY WORD
TRANSFORMATIONS
with Answers

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Advanced - Key Word Transformations

The final part of the Reading and Use of English paper in the Advanced Examination is Key Word Transformations. A sentence followed by a key word and a second sentence which has a gap in it. You have to use the key word to complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first sentence.

Exam Tip!

Each question is marked in two halves and it's perfectly possible to get one whole point in the exam just for getting a single word correctly, even if you don't know the other words to put in the gap. So you should always give every question a try.

Emily's hair badly needs cutting. (TIME)

It is high...cut.

TIME THAT EMILY HAD HER HAIR

There must be a simple way to explain what happened. (BOUND)

There is....for what happened.

BOUND TO BE A SIMPLE EXPLANATION

I will support you whatever you decide to do. (MATTER)

I will support you...you take.

NO MATTER WHAT DECISION

For me this is the best place to live. (RATHER)

There...live.

IS NO PLACE I WOULD RATHER

I wish I hadn't said that to her. (TAKE)

If only....I said to her.

I COULD TAKE BACK WHAT

I was looking out of the window when I saw a boy take something from a man's pocket. (SIGHT)

I was looking out of the window when I...something from a man's pocket.

CAUGHT SIGHT OF A BOY TAKING

**It was the film's music that impressed me most. (IMPRESSION)
The film's music was...me.**

WHAT MADE THE GREATEST/STRONGEST IMPRESSION ON

My brother and I are alike un many ways. (LOT)

My brother and I...common.

HAVE A LOT IN

The photo and the portrait look identical to me. (DIFFERENCE)

I can't see....the photo and the portrait.

ANY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN

The judges were generally less keen on portraits painted from photos than portraits painted from life. (TENDED)

The judges.....on portrait painted from life than portraits painted from photos.

TENDED TO BE KEENER

This painting does not appear to be finished. (LOOK)

This painting....is finished.

DOES NOT LOOK LIKE IT

Several of the applicants were not considered because of their age. (PASSED)

Several of the applicants....to their age.

WERE PASSED OVER DUE

For many teenagers, their looks are their highest priority. (MATTERS)

Appearance is...many teenagers.

WHAT MATTERS MOST TO

It's encouraging to discover that the group is both talented and enthusiastic. (ONLY)

It's encouraging to discover that the group shows...as well.

NOT ONLY TALENT BUT ENTHUSIASM

Do you mind if John joins us for the meeting? (TO)

Do you have....us for the meeting?

ANY OBJECTION TO JOHN(S) JOINING

Dan abandoned his studies at university because he was ill. (RESULTED)

Dan's....his studies at university.

ILLNESS RESULTED IN HIM ABANDONING

**As soon as the tennis players went onto the court, it started raining.
(HAD)**

No.....onto the court than it started raining.

SOONER HAD THE TENNIS PLAYERS GONE

**'We'll have to postpone the meeting until next week, as a lot of people are
on leave', the manager said. (OFF)**

**The manager said the meeting....until the following week, as a lot of
people were on leave.**

HAD TO BE PUT OFF

**As visibility was getting worse and worse, Bob and Jane had to cut short
their sailing trip. (BUT)**

**As visibility was getting worse and worse, Bob and Jane had....cut short
their sailing trip.**

NO CHOICE BUT TO

**Please tick this box if you don't want us to inform you about future
events. (RATHER)**

Please tick this box if you...sent any information about future events.

WOULD RATHER NOT BE

During the winter I prefer watching football to playing it. (SOONER)

During the winter I....it.

WOULD SOONER WATCH FOOTBALL THAN PLAY

**Karen says it takes less than an hour to drive there, but I'm sure she has
got it wrong. (MUST)**

Karen says it takes less than an hour to drive there, but she...a mistake.

MUST HAVE MADE

Students wishing to enrol on the course should complete all sections of the application form (REQUIRED)

Students wishing to enrol on the course....in all sections of the application form.

ARE REQUIRED TO FILL

She decided to move to a part-time job so that she could spend more time with her young children. (ORDER)

She decided to move to a part-time job...able to spend more time with her young children.

IN ORDER TO BE

I really messed up the first question in the exam. I wish I had considered it more carefully before answering. (THOUGHT)

I really messed up the first question in the exam. I should...it more carefully.

HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT

The factory has been able to reduce its CO2 emissions by 50% in the last year. (SUCCEEDED)

The factory....back its CO2 emissions by 50% in the last year.

HAS SUCCEEDED IN CUTTING

It's a long walk home, so I advice you not to miss the last train. (BETTER)

It's a long walk home, so...the last train.

YOU HAD BETTER NOT MISS

They didn't mention the subject of unpaid holidays until the end of the interview. (BRING)

Not until the end of the interview...the subject of unpaid holidays.

DID THEY BRING UP

Nina was driving the car at the time, but I don't think the accident was her fault. (RESPONSIBLE)

Nina was driving the car at the time, but I don't hold....the accident.

HER RESPONSIBLE FOR

Jack has such a vivid imagination, it is possible that he invented the whole story. (MADE)

Jack has such a vivid imagination that he might...the whole story.

HAVE MADE UP

I had only just got home when the phone rang. (SOONER)

No...the phone rang.

SOONER HAD I GOT HOME THAN

Although Karen and Mark have very different personalities and interests, they seem to have a good relationship. (ALONG)

Although Karen and Mark have very different personalities and interests, they seem to...another very well.

GET ALONG WITH ONE

I hadn't seen Martha for over 20 years, but I didn't find it difficult to recognise her at the airport. (DIFFICULTY)

I hadn't seen Martha for over 20 years, but I had....her at the airport.

NO DIFFICULTY RECOGNISING

She is proud of being able to write clearly. (ABILITY)

She prides...to write clearly.

HERSELF ON HER ABILITY

Once Dr. Smithers had given us a clear explanation of the procedure, we were able to go ahead with the experiment. (EXPLAINED)

Once Dr. Smithers had..., we were able to go ahead with the experiment.

CLEARLY EXPLAINED THE PROCEDURE

The government has banned all exports to the country except for food and medicine. (EXCEPTION)

The government has banned all exports to the country...food and medicine.

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF

The other students don't mind whether you give your presentation on Thursday or Friday. (DIFFERENCE)

It...the other students whether you give your presentation on Thursday or Friday.

MAKES NO DIFFERENCE TO

'What are you thinking of doing for the college's centenary celebration?' the tutor asked the students. (MIND)

The tutor asked the students what....for the college's centenary celebration.

THEY HAD IN MIND

Dr. Rasmesh's colleagues regarded him so highly that they forgave his inability to remember people's names. (HELD)

Dr. Ramesh....by his colleagues that they forgave his inability to remember people's names.

WAS HELD IN SUCH REGARD

As learning new languages had never been a problem for her, Katy didn't expect to have any difficulties when she went to live abroad. (COME)

Learning new languages had...her so Katy didn't expect to have any difficulties when she went to live abroad.

ALWAYS COME EASILY TO

I think that we owe this passenger an apology, as she was apparently given incorrect train times by our call centre staff. (MISINFORMED)

I think we owe this passenger an apology, as she seems....train times by our call centre staff.

TO HAVE BEEN MISINFORMED ABOUT

**If her party wins the election, which is unlikely, she'll become President.
(EVENT)**

In the...the election, she'll become President.

UNLIKELY EVENTS THAT HER PARTY WINS

**I'd like to invite you to dinner to say sorry for forgetting your birthday.
(MAKE)**

I'd like to...your birthday by inviting you to dinner.

MAKE UP FOR FORGETTING

Jill and I go for a stroll in the countryside occasionally. (TIME)

Jill and I go for a stroll in the countryside....

FROM TIME TO TIME

**Guests are welcome to suggest any improvements at Reception.
(RECOMMENDATIONS)**

Guest are welcome to....improvements at Reception.

MAKE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR

**I would be very happy to employ your company in future.
(HESITATION)**

I would have....your company in future.

NO HESITATION IN EMPLOYING

It looks like it might be sunny later. (POSSIBILITY)

There....sunshine later.

IS THE POSSIBILITY OF

**'You should stop your children watching so much television', Mary's
sister told her. (LET)**

Mary's sister advised her.....so much television.

NOT TO LET HER CHILDREN WATCH

The local council wants to impose a ban on driving at more than 30 kilometres per hour anywhere in his area. (ILLEGAL)

The local council wants to....at more than 30 kilometres per hour anywhere in this area.

MAKE IT ILLEGAL TO DRIVE

Tom missed his plane because he was late leaving for the airport. (TIME)

If only.... for the airport, he wouldn't have missed the plane.

HE HAD LEFT ON TIME

The guidelines for the appointment of new staff need to be thoroughly revised. (THOROUGH)

There needs....the guidelines for the appointment of new staff.

TO BE A THOROUGH REVISION OF

The employment rate rose gradually as the economy began to recover. (GRADUAL)

There....the employment rate as the economy began to recover.

WAS A GRADUAL RISE IN

The change in the company's logo didn't make any difference to the majority of its customers. (CONSEQUENCE)

The change in the company's logo....to the majority of its costumers.

WAS OF NO CONSEQUENCE

I was wondering if you could take us to the airport. (THINK)

.... you could take us to the airport?

DO YOU THINK THAT

I almost forgot to bring my keys with me. (BARELY)

I....to bring my keys with me.

BARELY REMEMBERED

A lot has happened since you've been away. (MANY)

.... happened since you've been away.

MANY THINGS HAVE

Let's walk to the store, instead of driving. (FOOT)

Rather than going by car, let's....

GO ON FOOT TO THE STORE

It doesn't make a difference to me what you decide to do. (MATTER)

Your...to me.

DECISION DOES NOT MATTER

You definitely will not win the lottery. (CHANCE)

You have got...the lottery.

NO CHANCE OF WINNING

The voting process is the same as it was last year. (CHANGED)

The voting process...since last year.

HAS NOT CHANGED

'You won't get a good seat if you come late', said Leslie to me. (UNLESS)

Leslie said that..., I wouldn't get a good seat.

UNLESS I CAME EARLY

If I'm being honest, I have to say that the play wasn't as good as I'd expected. (SHORT)

The play..., to be honest with you.

FELL SHORT OF MY EXPECTATIONS

George never listen to what people tell him. (NOTICE)

George never....said to him.

TAKES ANY NOTICE OF WHAT PEOPLE

Alan in much better pianist than Jenny. (NOWHERE)

Jenny is...the piano as Alan is.

NOWHERE NEAR AS GOOD AT PLAYING

Only the timely arrival of the police prevented the fight from escalating. (BEEN).

Had it...of the police, the fight would have escalated.

NOT BEEN FOR THE TIMELY ARRIVAL

I didn't get the impression that he was all upset. (STRIKE)

He....at all upset.

DID NOT STRIKE ME AS BEING

Men outnumber women by two in this profession. (TWICE)

There are...in this profession.

TWICE AS MANY MEN AS WOMEN

I don't care which days you work next week. (CONSEQUENCE)

It...me which days you work next week.

IS OF NO CONSEQUENCE TO

One day she is going to lose her temper with him. (MATTER)

It is...she loses her temper with him.

ONLY A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL/BEFORE

I thought Sue's original plan was to move to Australia. (IMPRESSION)

I...was originally planning to move to Australia.

HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT SUE

**Mr Smith was well-known as a bad-tempered man, but he was also fair.
(REPUTATION)**

Despite.... bad-tempered, Mr Smith was also fair.

HAVING A REPUTATION FOR BEING

**Signing the contract without the director's approval is not allowed.
(CIRCUMSTANCES)**

Under....sign the contract without the director's approval.

NO CIRCUMSTANCES CAN YOU

It looks like you didn't sleep well last night. (IF)

You look... much sleep las night.

AS IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE

**I don't believe that Jane ran that distance in only five minutes!
(POSSIBLY)**

Jane...that distance in only five minutes!

CAN'T POSSIBLY HAVE RUN

**Simon doesn't agree with me about which slogan is best for the campaign.
(DIFFERENCE)**

Simon...opinion over which slogan is best for the campaign.

AND I HAVE A DIFFERENCE OF

**Jane's lawyer suggested that she ignored all the reporters.
(ATTENTION)**

Jane's lawyer advised...all the reporters.

HER NOT TO PAY ATTENTION TO

I doubt that Simon will lend us the money. (CHANCE)

I think....Simon lending us the money to us.

THERE IS A SMALL CHANCE OF

**Lucy succeeded in passing her driving test, even though she had flu.
(MANAGED)**

Despite....her driving test.

having flu Lucy managed to pass

**By the end of the meeting, the committee had agreed on the next step.
(REACHED)**

By the end of the committee meeting, an....what to do next

agreement had been reached on

**The burglar wore gloves so as not to leave any fingerprints behind.
(AVOID)**

The burglar wore gloves in ... any fingerprints behind

order to avoid leaving

Colin couldn't possibly afford any of the paintings in that gallery. (FAR)

The paintings in that gallery are....buy.

far too expensive for Colin to

**I was very shocked when my brother told me what had happened the
previous day. (ACCOUNT)**

I was very shocked by my ... what had happened the previous day.

brother's account of

**I don't think we'll see Simon before he goes to New York.
(LIKELIHOOD)**

There's....Simon before he goes to New York.

little likelihood of us seeing

**The fire at the oil depot has led to the imposition of stricter safety
regulations. (IMPOSED)**

Stricter safety regulations....result of the fire at the oil depot.

have been imposed as a

**If you hadn't helped me, I could never have moved the wardrobe.
(HELP)**

But..., I could never have moved the wardrobe.

for the help you gave me

I don't usually make such foolish mistakes. (HABIT)

I'm....such foolish mistakes.

not in habit of making

**Most medical student study for their degrees until they are 25.
(GRADUATE)**

Most medical students....of 25.

don't graduate until the age

**I enjoyed the view from the top of the tower despite the fact that I hate
being in high places like that. (HEAD)**

Although I...I enjoyed the view from the top of the tower.

have no head for heights

**Of all the cities I know, there are few that are more beautiful than St
Petersburg. (LOVELIEST)**

St Petersburg is one...visited.

of the loveliest cities that I have

**I'm not sure which year saw the abolition of capital punishment in this
country. (DID)**

I'm not sure when they....capital punishment in this country.

did away with

It's a pity Nico is so unreliable. (COUNT)

I wish I...Nico.

could count on

People say that, if you run, you burn calories efficiently. (SUPPOSED)

Running...way of burning calories.

is supposed to be an efficient

France may be Flora's birthplace but she has never lived there. (BORN)

Despite the...France, Flora has never lived there.

fact that Flora was born in

We were late arriving at the cinema and so missed the start of the film. (BY)

The film had...we arrived at the cinema.

already started by the time

Simon found the recipe book very hard to follow. (DIFFICULTY)

Simon...in following the recipe book.

had great difficulty

The ice-skater performed faultlessly and received full marks. (GAVE)

The ice-skater...and received full marks.

gave a faultless performance

I was just about to call you to see what time you were coming. (POINT)

I...you to see what time you were coming.

was on the point of calling

Harry was disappointed to hear the news that the match had been cancelled. (CAME)

News of the cancellation of the match....to Harry.

came as a disappointment

At this time of year, the area is affected by violent storms. (FEELS)

At this time of year, the area often....violent storms.

feels the effects of

The trees blown down in the storm were not cleared away for weeks. (BEFORE)

It...the trees blown down in the storm were cleared away.

was weeks before

There was very little paper left in the printer. (RUN)

The printer had...paper

almost run out of

Did anything about his behaviour seem strange to you? (STRIKE)

Did anything about his behaviour....strange?

strike you as being

She takes photographs as a hobby rather than as a job. (MUCH)

Taking photographs...a job as a hobby for her.

is not so much

Ben needs to clean his car. (HIGH)

It's....his car.

high time Ben cleaned

I didn't turn the TV on because I didn't want to wake the baby. (FEAR)

I didn't turn the TV on....the baby.

for fear of waking

There's a rumour going round that they are no longer together. (SPLIT)

They....up.

are rumoured to have split

I'm not surprised he looks tired if he only had three hours' sleep last night (GIVEN)

It's not surprising that he looks so tired....slept for three hours last night.

given that he only

They don't socialise very much because they are very private people. (KEEP)

They tend....rather than socialising a lot.

to keep to themselves

You'll need to practise every day if you want to be a professional musician. (DO)

Only by....you stand a chance of becoming a professional musician.

practising every day do

Fernanda refused to wear her sister's old dress. (NOT)

Fernanda said that...her sister's old dress.

she would not wear

There has been a sharp rise in the price of petrol this month. (RISEN)

The....this month.

price of petrol has risen sharply

Lisa was just about to leave the house when the phone rang. (POINT)

Lisa was....the house when the phone rang.

on the point of leaving

Tom's company had less success with its exports this year. (SO)

Tom's company was...with its exports this year.

not so successful

A number of sporting events had to be cancelled owing to the bad weather. (LED)

Bad weather...of a number of sporting events.

led to cancelling/the cancellation

When it comes to computer games, Gareth is a real expert. (CONCERNED)

As..., Gareth is a real expert.

far as computer games are concerned

Carlos really should get someone to mend his bike. (HIGH)

It's...his bike mended.

high time Carlos got/had

Do you think Noelia is likely to win the competition? (CHANCE)

Do you think Noelia is in...the competition?

any chance of winning

I've been greatly impressed by the way Jasper deals with problems. (MADE)

Jasper's way of dealing with problems has...me

made a great impression on

The reduction in the price of the magazines led to a growth in sales. (RESULT)

Sales of the magazine...the reduction in the price.

grew as a result of

I think the weather will improve next week. (CHANGE)

I think there'll be...better in the weather next week.

a change for the

Phoebe was surprised to be offered a place on the course. (CAME)

The offer of a place on the course....Phoebe.

came as a surprise to

If he doesn't get that job, who know what he'll do. (KNOWING)

If he doesn't get that job,...what he'll do.

there's no knowing

'Do you want to go and see the new play at the Arts Centre'? Petra asked her friend. (INTERESTED)

Petra asked her friend whether.....to see the new play at the Arts Centre.

she was interested in going

Georgia hasn't written to me recently. (HEARD)

I.....a while.

have not heard from Georgia for

They put Roger in charge of health and safety at the factory. (MADE)

Roger.....for health and safety in the factory.

was made responsible

It is important to be well prepared for an interview because if you make a mistake, you may not get the job. (COST)

A mistake in an interview may.....so it is important to be well prepared.

cost you the job

The company is almost certain to get the contract. (EVERY)

The company stands....the contract.

every chance of getting

Julia says that her sister is the only person to know of out plans to get married. (APART)

Julia says that....knows of our plans to get married.

apart from her sister nobody / no one

Sven would have called yesterday if he had had more time. (SHORT)

Sven didn't call yesterday.....time.

because he was short of

Many people believe that Edilson has the ability to become world judo champion. (CAPABLE)

Many people believe that Edilson....the world championship in judo.

is capable of winning

Hilary was asked to give an explanation for making the mistake. (WHY)

Hilary was asked to....the mistake.

explain why she (had) made

In his speech, the Principal did not mention the new language courses. (REFERENCE)

In his speech, the Principal....the new language courses.

did not make any reference to

Lucy was very pleased to be given an award. (DELIGHT)

Much to....given the award.

Lucy's delight she was OR Lucy was delight she was

Sam never thought of asking me for my advice. (OCCURRED)

It....me for advice.

never occurred to Sam to ask

Pat does not intend to have a holiday this year. (INTENTION)

Pat has....on holiday this year.

no intention of going

**John thought it was very strange that Fred had no answered his letter.
(FAILURE)**

John thought that....his letter was very strange.

Fred's failure to answer

I think it was a mistake to lend your car to Joe. (SHOULD)

I don't think....your car to Joe.

you should have lent

**By the end of the month, it will be two years since Hendrik came to
England. (FOR)**

By the end of the month, Hendrik....two years.

will have been in England for

Despite all their efforts, they could not get the old car to start. (HARD)

No matter...., they couldn't get the old car to start.

how hard they tried

**'I'm sorry, but there's no way I'm going to sleep on the floor', said Naomi.
(CLEAR)**

Naomi made....prepared to sleep on the floor.

it clear (that) she wasn't

**I don't thin you'll have much difficulty understanding the local dialect.
(FIND)**

I don't think....to understand the local dialect.

you will find it very/too difficult

Mats promised to ring as soon as he got home. (MOMENT)

Mats said that....he got home.

he would ring the moment (that)

It's possible that the heavy traffic is delaying Katya. (HOLDING)

What may....the heavy traffic.

be holding Katya up is

I wasn't sure who was to blame for the accident. (FAULT)

I couldn't tell....was.

whose the accident fault

After Ranjit had discovered the truth, he reported the facts to the police. (OUT)

Having...., Ranjit reported the facts to the police.

found out the truth

Franz didn't get to the office until lunchtime. (NOT)

It....Karl got to the office.

was not until lunchtime that

Many people were discouraged from emigrating by the idea of crossing the Atlantic. (OFF)

What....the idea of crossing the Atlantic.

put many people off emigrating was

Many of the emigrant first saw the sea on the day they set sail to America. (TIME)

For many emigrants, the day they set sail to America was....the sea.

the first time they had seen

At the time, scientists did not realise how important their finding were. (FAILED)

At the time, scientists....of their findings.

failed to realise the importance (significance)

**People believe that Leonardo da Vinci foresaw the invention of aircraft.
(BELIEVED)**

The invention of aircraft....foreseen by Leonardo da Vinci.

is believed to have been

**Mr Porter has to lock all the doors at night after everyone has left.
(RESPONSIBLE)**

**The person who....all the doors at night after everyone has left is Mr
Porter.**

is responsible for locking

**Jack was worried that he couldn't think of any new ideas for the
advertising campaign. (INABILITY)**

**What worried Jack....up with any new ideas for the advertising
campaign.**

was his inability to come

**The pool closes in ten minutes, so there isn't enough time to go swimming
now. (WORTH)**

It...now as the pool closes in ten minutes.

is not worth going to swim OR (us) going swimming

**Pavel's advice helped me so much that I was able to solve the problem
immediately. (SUCH)**

Pavel....that I was able to solve problem immediately.

gave (me) such helpful advice OR 's advice was such a help

**Because she postponed buying the plane ticket, Vanessa lost the
opportunity to go to China. (PUT)**

**If Vanessa.....the plane ticket, she wouldn't have lost the opportunity to go
to China.**

had not put off buying

Now the tourist have seen how beautiful it is here, there's a very good chance they'll return. (HAVING)

The tourist are highly....how beautiful it is here.

likely to return having (now) seen

Dr Sharp wants you to look after his patients while he's away. (CARE)

Dr Sharp would like you to....his absence.

take care of his patients during / in

Yasmin's uncle said to her that she should stop her children eating junk food. (LET)

Yasmin's uncle told her....junk food any more.

not to let her children eat

I was surprised how hard I had to work when I became a teacher. (EXPECTED)

I had to....when I became a teacher.

work more than I (had) expected

We will send your new passport tomorrow, provided your paperwork is in order. (LONG)

Your new passport will...your paperwork is in order.

be sent tomorrow as long as (OR so long as)

The weather was getting worse, so Joe was forced to give up his attempt to climb to the summit. (BUT)

Due to the worsening weather, Joe had....to give up his attempt to climb to the summit.

no choice / alternative / option but

What are your plans for celebrating Nina's birthday? (MIND)

What....for celebrating Nina's birthday?

do you have in mind

Once the visitors had gone, Rachel started her homework immediately. (DOWN)

Once the visitors had gone, Rachel immediately.....her homework.

sat / got / settle down to (do / start)

Mauro says he prefers to do his homework on his own. (RATHER)

Mauro says that....do his homework with other people.

he would rather not

Clara said that she had not seen the missing letter. (HAVING)

Clara....the missing letter.

denied having seen

It took Layla five minutes to find her car keys. (SPENT)

Layla.....for her car keys.

spent five minutes looking

A short meeting of the cast will take place after today's rehearsal. (BY)

Today's rehearsal....a short meeting of the cast.

will be followed by

I'll be happy to show you round the sights of my city when you come to visit me. (TAKE)

It will be a.....sightseeing tour of my city when you come to visit me.

pleasure to take you on (for) a

Rousseau painted fabulous pictures of the rainforest although he had never travelled outside Europe. (SPITE)

Rousseau painted fabulous pictures of the rainforest...travelled outside Europe.

in spite of never having

It is thought that one in every five people cannot control how much they spend. (UNABLE)

One in every five people is thought....their spending under control.

to be unable to keep

My passport needs renewing because I'm going abroad this summer. (GET)

I need....because I'm going abroad this summer.

to get my passport renewed

Flooding after a heavy storm was responsible for the damage to the bridge. (CAUSED)

The damage to the bridge....after a heavy storm.

was caused by (the) flooding

When we arrive isn't really important, as long as we get there. (MATTER)

It really...time we arrive, as long as we get there.

does not matter (at) what

I want to buy a new car, without your financial help, I'll be unable to do it. (ABLE)

I want to buy a new car but I won't....you help me financially.

be able to (do it) unless

It was impossible to predict all the problems that we faced when we built our own house. (PREDICTED)

Nobody could....face so many problems when we built out own house.

have (ever/possibly) predicted (that) we would (we were going to)

Gail wished she had followed David's suggestions about preparing for the interview. (DOING)

Gail regretted...about preparing for the interview.

not doing what / as David (has) suggested

After a sleepless night, Marta finally decided that she wouldn't accept the job she had been offered. (MIND)

After a sleepless night, Marta finally....accept the job she had been offered.

made up her mind / made her mind up not to

Although Joe kept on attempting to contact his cousin, he didn't manage to speak to her until the next day. (TOUCH)

Despite repeated...his cousin, Joe didn't manage to speak to her until the next day.

attempts/efforts to get in touch with

The huge traffic jam on the motorway delayed us for several hours. (HELD)

The huge traffic jam on the motorway....for several hours.

(has) held us up

David said that the accident was his fault. (TOOK)

David...the accident.

took the responsibility for

We would try really hard, but my older sister and I never got on. (HOW)

No...., my older sister and I never got on.

matter how hard we tried

It might get cold when you're out this evening, so it's probably a good idea to take gloves. (CASE)

It's probably worth....cold when you're out this evening.

taking gloves in case it gets

They told Nick not to go to the city centre on New Year's Eve. (WARNED)

Nick...from the city centre on New Year's Eve.

was warned to stay/keep away

I wish I could have finished my biology project on time. (ABLE)

I regret not....my biology project finished on time.

being able to get/have

John didn't know he had to phone his teacher if he was going to miss a class. (MEANT)

John didn't know....his teacher a call if he was going to miss a class.

(that) he was meant to give

The cost of digital photography have come down over the last few years. (DROP)

There....the cost of digital photography over the last few years.

has been a drop in

I was bitterly disappointed they didn't give me a part in the school play. (BITTER)

To.....given a part in the school play.

my bitter disappointment I was not

What are the chances of the film winning an Oscar? (likely)

How _____ will win an Oscar?

likely is it that the film

Fewer people live in extended family units in this country nowadays.(common)

It is _____ to live in extended family units in this country nowadays.

not as common

I don't think you'll find it hard to find Cynthia's house. (difficulty)

I don't think _____ finding Cynthia's house.

you will have much difficulty

My brother Sam was very surprised to be offered the job. (came)
The job offer _____ my brother Sam.

came as a surprise to

I don't mind where we decide to go for our family holiday this year. (difference)
It doesn't _____ where we decide to go for our family holiday this year.

make any difference to me

Gaynor's friends persuaded her not to get married in spring. (talked)
It was Gaynor's friends _____ getting married in spring.

who talked her out of

Why did nobody tell me that the match had been cancelled? (informed)
Why _____ the cancellation of the match?

wasn't I informed about

Cindy intends to complain about the service in that restaurant. (going)
Cindy _____ complaint about the service in that restaurant.

is going to make a

Could I borrow your umbrella this evening, please? (lend)
Would _____ this evening, please?

you lend me your umbrella

She said she'd come round so I'm sure she's on her way now. (must)
She said she'd come round so _____ on her way now.

she must be

What a pity he couldn't come. (wish)
I _____ come.

wish he had been able to

I managed to finish the preparations in time. (succeeded)
I _____ the preparations in time.

succeeded in finishing

It isn't necessary to call him as he already knows about it. (have)
You _____ call him as he already knows about it.

don't have to

When he spoke to me he agreed that I wasn't responsible. (fault)

When he spoke to me he agreed that _____ .

it wasn't my fault

She didn't want to join in with the singing. (take)

She didn't want _____ the singing.

to take part in

Anya didn't come to the dinner yesterday evening so perhaps she was ill. (must)

Anya didn't come to the dinner yesterday evening so _____ ill.

she must have been

She'll probably end up marrying him! (chances)

The _____ end up marrying him!

chances are she'll

She waved until the train could not be seen any more. (sight)

She waved until the train _____

was out of her sight

I regret speaking to him like that. (wish)

I _____ to him like that.

wish I hadn't spoken

I'm phoning because my son is too ill to talk to you. (behalf)

I'm phoning _____ my son, who is ill.

on behalf of

She isn't in so I assume she went to the party. (must)

She _____ to the party.

must have gone

We need to know how genes determine behaviour. (role)

We need to know what _____ behaviour.

role genes play in determining

Javier and I are completely different. (common)

I _____ Javier.

have nothing in common with

I've not seen such a fantastic performance before. (Never)
_____ such a fantastic performance before.

Never have I seen

I had only just arrived when he insisted on going out again. (sooner)
_____ he insisted on going out again.

No sooner had I arrived than

She's never been in greater need of a friend than now. (Hardly)
_____ in greater need of a friend.

Hardly has she ever been

They split up and then realized that they loved each other. (Only)
_____ did they realize that they loved each other.

Only when they split up

You must never disturb someone when they are sleepwalking. (circumstances)
_____ disturb someone when they are
sleepwalking.

Under no circumstances must you

I had only just got on the train when it left! (Barely)
_____ on the train when it left!

Barely had I got

She never doubted that she would be able to meet the challenge. (time)
_____ that she would be able to meet the challenge.

At no time did she doubt

She should get him to do more housework. (high)
_____ him to do more housework.

It's high time she got

She said she wouldn't fund my art course if I didn't work harder. (threatened)
She _____ my art course if I didn't work harder.

threatened not to fund

You didn't tell me that the exhibition was finishing today! (neglected)
You _____ the exhibition was finishing today!

neglected to tell me

They have decided they will publish the book this summer. (published)
It has been decided _____ this summer.

that the book will be published

They said the principal was resigning in the summer. (be)
The principal _____ in the summer.

was said to be resigning

People think that bilingual children were disadvantaged in the past. (thought)
Bilingual children _____ in the past.

are thought to have been disadvantaged

I thought you wanted me to invite him. (impression)
I was _____ you wanted me to invite him.

under the impression

Nobody notices children who fail at school. (attention)
No _____ children who fail at school.

attention is paid to

Everybody should learn how to speak a second language. (taught)
A second language _____ everybody.

should be taught to

I need a weekend away, so I booked something on the Internet. (did)
I need a weekend away _____ something on the Internet.

so what I did was book

I object to hanging around in airports. (What)
_____ hanging around in airports.

What I object to is

I only got my money back after weeks of calling. (manage)
Only after weeks of calling _____ to get my money back.

did I manage

A driver's strike delayed our train. (due)

Our train _____ a driver's strike.

was delayed due to

I resolved the problem by taking an extra suitcase. (take)

_____ an extra suitcase.

What I did was take

It worries me that I don't speak another language well. (What)

_____ I don't speak another language well.

What worries me is that

I have hardly ever come across such a strange man.

Seldom _____ such a strange man.

Seldom have I come across

Fernanda refused to wear her sister's old dress. (Not)

Fernanda said that _____ her sister's old dress.

She would not wear

My grandfather had completely forgotten that he phoned me last night. (Recollection)

My grandfather didn't _____ phoning me last night.

have any recollection (at all) of

If Marc hadn't taken up politics, he might have become a famous art historian. (Name)

If Marc hadn't taken up politics, he might have _____ himself as an art historian.

made/gotten a name for

The company is unable to guarantee an allocated car-parking space to all employees.

(Count)

The company's employees shouldn't _____ allocated a car parking space.

count on being

Delia said that she would no longer tolerate her colleagues being rude. (Put)

'I'm not willing _____ from my colleagues any longer,' said Delia.

to put up with (any) rudeness

This holiday is within our price range, provided we don't go to the expensive restaurants in the tourist centre. (Afford)

We _____ as we avoid the expensive restaurants in the tourist centre.

can afford this/the holiday as/so long

It's very unlikely that Martin will win the 100 metres, as he's out of training. (Chance)
Martin has almost _____ the 100 metres, as he's out of training.

no chance of winning

Nadia's friend arrived just as she was about to leave the restaurant. (Point)
Nadia was just _____ the restaurant when her friend arrived.

on the point of leaving

Paul wasn't able to leave the house all day because of the terrible weather. (Impossible)
The terrible weather _____ Paul to leave the house all day.

made it impossible for

She left her husband because he cheated on her. (REASON)
_____ her husband was because he cheated on her.

The reason why she left

We stopped in an absolutely beautiful place for lunch. (WHERE)
_____ lunch was absolutely beautiful.

The place where we stopped for

A girl from my town won the silver medal. (IT)
_____ who won the silver medal.

It was a girl from my town

I like my Aunt Emily best of all my relatives. (PERSON)
The _____ my relatives is my Aunt Emily.

person I like best of all

I first met Serena at a conference in Berlin. (TIME)
_____ was at a conference in Berlin.

The first time I met Serena

My grandmother was the most hardworking person I've ever known. (MORE)
I've _____ than my grandmother.

never known a more hardworking person

Robin has not been back to his birthplace for over twenty years. (LAST)
It is over twenty years _____ to his birthplace.

since Robin last went back

A strike by check-staff led to all flights being delayed. (BECAUSE)
There were _____ of a strike by check-in staff.

delays to all flights because

Everyone assumed that Dennis would sell the haunted house he inherited from his uncle. (GRANTED)
People _____ Dennis would sell the haunted house he inherited from his uncle.

took it for granted that

You have to pierce the plastic film first and then you can put the tray in the microwave oven. (BEFORE)
The plastic film _____ the tray is placed in the microwave oven.

has to be pierced before

Everyone expects Maura to resign at the end of the month. (HAND)
Maura is widely _____ at the end of the month.

expected to hand in her resignation

We missed the start of the concert because we arrived at the venue late.(BY)
The concert _____ we arrived at the venue.

had started by the time

When she was at school, Sandra was fascinated by the idea of hypnotism. (USED)
Sandra _____ of hypnotism fascinating when she was at school.

used to find the idea

I don't mind whether we go to the seaside or not this year. (DIFFERENCE)
It doesn't _____ whether we go to the seaside or not this year.

make any difference to me

It's possible that the burglars got into the building by forcing open a fire exit.
GAINED
The burglars may _____ by forcing open a fire exit

have gained access to the building

easy

1. It is _____ to see why the presenter is so popular - he is such a lively person.
2. Although the local people speak with an accent, it is _____ enough for visitors to understand.
3. Tom's grandmother hadn't had an _____ life, but she'd always had a very positive attitude.

carry

1. Tom found that having to _____ such a heavy bag everywhere was rather inconvenient.
2. Although we were getting poor results from the research, we were advised to _____ on with the experiments.
3. The school is hoping to _____ out an extensive programme of repairs during the summer break.

fair

1. Although not professionally trained, Damian can produce a technical drawing with a _____ degree of precision.
2. Cindy thought it really wasn't _____ of her boss to blame her for all the mistakes in the document.
3. In common with most her family, Glenda has very _____ skin.

work

1. On her first day in the job, Keira was asked to _____ through a long list of customer complaints and decide which needed an urgent response.
2. Graham couldn't _____ out why he never seemed to get an interview when he applied for jobs.
3. Milly would get angry when she couldn't get the office photocopier to _____ properly.

slow

1. There has been a rather _____ response to the job advertisement that the company placed in the local newspaper.
2. Although double-checking the customer database was a rather _____ and time-consuming process, a number of serious mistakes were uncovered as a result.
3. Jamie was _____ to realise that he was fundamentally unsuited for the job he was doing, and so hadn't been thinking of alternatives.

charge

1. Although access to its website is free, there's a small _____ if you want to receive the company's monthly newsletter.
2. Simon decided to take _____ of his own financial affairs at the relatively early age

of seventeen.

3. Derek is in _____ of the office whilst his manager is on maternity leave.

show

1. When groups of visitors come to the television studios, guides _____ them round the set of the popular soap opera.
2. Any inaccuracies in the data will _____ up when the graphs are produced on screen.
3. The success of perfumes bearing the name of top models really does _____ how influential celebrities can be.

gained

1. Although initially regarded only as a soap opera star, Emily has _____ the respect of the critics for her recent film roles.
2. For young singers, there is nothing to be _____ from over-exposure in the media at an early stage of their career.
3. The former model is reported to have _____ a lot of weight since her retirement.

pick

1. The casting director has an excellent eye for talent and generally manages to _____ young actors who go on to perform very well in the show.
2. Brian was in a really bad mood, ready to _____ a fight with anyone who disagreed with him.
3. In the darkness, it was just impossible to _____ out the outline of a building in the distance.

affect

1. A person's age and background will always _____ their choice of friends.
2. The actress said that she was happiest performing in front of a large group of people, so first-night nerves didn't _____ her greatly.
3. This disease is often difficult to identify as it doesn't _____ everyone in the same way.

point

1. Erin was on the _____ of resigning from the club, when she was unexpectedly offered the role of Treasurer.
2. Michael had made a _____ of contacting all of his team mates personally to explain why he would be missing the important match.
3. As they had numbered seats, Diane couldn't see the _____ of getting to the concert before the performance was due to start.

fall

1. If it is not tended regularly, any garden will soon _____ into a state of disrepair.
2. Successful television personalities generally _____ into one or two categories -

either they are very lucky or they are very determined.

3. Sonia had to miss a lecture, but asked to borrow a friend's notes so that she didn't _____ too far behind with the work.

absolutely perfect

adv+adj (RS) of the best quality and without any faults at all

act on sb's (advice)

v [T] (11) to do something because someone has said that you should

add insult to injury

vp (12) to make someone's bad situation worse by doing something else to upset them

affliction

n [C] (RS) formal something that makes you suffer

anticipate sth

v [T] (9) to expect something and to prepare for it before it happens

archaeologist

n [C] (9) someone who studies very old cultures by examining their buildings, tools, and other objects

assertion

n [C + that] (12) something that you say is certainly true

attention to detail

np (9) the ability to notice and consider every small part or detail of something and check that everything is perfect

be in your element

pp (RS) to be very happy because you are doing what you like doing and are good at

be only natural to do sth

adjp (12) to be normal or expected

be up to sth

v [I] (RS) to be doing something

believe wholeheartedly in sth

vp (12) to believe something completely, without any doubts

beloved

n [C] (12) someone that you love and have a romantic relationship with

blissful

adj (12) making you feel very happy

by attrition

pp (12) the use of force to gradually make something weaker and destroying it, especially the strength and confidence of an enemy

censor

n [C] (11) someone who examines books, documents, or films and removes parts of them that are offensive or not allowed by law

change gradually

vp (10) to change slowly over a period of time

come round

v [I] (10) to visit someone at their house. Either a) I'll _____ tonight, OK? Or "John _____ the other day, it was nice to see him"

dedication

n [U] (9) when you are willing to give a lot of time and energy to something because you believe it is very important

deranged

adj (12) behaving in a way that is not normal, especially when suffering from a mental illness

drive sb mad

vp (RS) informal to make someone feel extremely annoyed

drop what you are doing

vp (RS) to stop what you are doing, often in order to do something else

enquiring mind

np (9) if someone has an _____, they are always asking questions and wanting to find out new things

excavation

n [C] (9) when archaeologists dig in the ground in order to find objects from the past

feedback

n [U] (11) opinions from people about something that you have done or made

fellow

adj (11) used to describe people who share your interests or situation

for some unknown reason

pp (12) used for saying that you do not know why something happened or why someone did something

force of personality

np (14) the power of someone's character and their ability to persuade people to do things

forthcoming

adj (14) going to happen soon

galley

n [C] (12) a kitchen in a ship or aircraft

go to incredible lengths to do sth

vp (RS) to try extremely hard to achieve something

haughtily

adv (12) in a way that is proud and shows that you think you are better or more important than other people

hold down a job

v [T] (14) to manage to keep a job

huge contrast

np (11) a very obvious difference between two things

inventiveness

n [U] (9) the quality of having a lot of new and interesting ideas

magician

n [C] (9) someone who entertains people by performing magic tricks

mild

adj (15) describes weather that is less cold than you would expect

move on

v [I] (12) to leave the place where you are and go somewhere else

move out

v [I] (RS) to stop living in a particular home

neglected

adj (12) not receiving enough love or attention

nothing is too much trouble

idiom (RS) used for saying that someone does everything they can to help you even when it involves a lot of effort

out in all weathers

pp (9) to be outside whether it is raining, snowing, very windy, etc.

outlast sb/sth

v [T] (12) to continue for longer than someone or something else

over the course of (a period of time)

pp (12) during

positive outlook

adj+n (9) a way of thinking in which you believe that generally good things will happen

process of trial and error

np (12) a way of learning the best way to do something by trying many different methods

prolong sth

v [T] (14) to make something last longer

recount sth

v [T] (11) to tell a story or describe past events

refund

n [C] (14) an amount of money that is given back to you, especially because you are not happy with something you have bought

regime

n [C] (11) a system of government or other control, especially one that people do not approve of

run for parliament

vp (15) to compete in an election in order to become a member of parliament (member of parliament = to be one of the elected body of people who make the laws for a country)

set foot in (a place)

vp (9) to enter

sheer

adj (14) used to emphasize the great strength of a feeling or quality

single-handed

adj on your own, without anyone's help

splitting headache

np a very bad headache

stiff adj

(15) describes a part of your body that hurts and is difficult to move

take sth seriously

vp (10) to believe that something is important and that you should pay a lot of attention to it

to tell (you) the truth

idiom or discourse marker (RS) used in conversation to emphasise the importance of a fact

time-keeping

n [U] (15) being punctual, especially to start work or classes

unrestrained

adj (11) not limited or controlled

well-intentioned advice

np (12) advice that is given in order to be helpful and kind but that does not help in a situation

wind sb up

v [T] (12) informal to annoy someone, often on purpose

He'll never refuse free tickets, I'm sure. (IMAGINE)

I could _____ free tickets.

never imagine him refusing

'Remember to lock the door when you go to bed', Jack said to me. (FORGET)

Jack told _____ lock the door when I went to bed.

me not to forget to

The audience didn't like the speaker's jokes. (DOWN)

The speaker's jokes went _____ the audience.

down badly with

Ruby's ambition is to become an actor. (TAKE)
What Ruby would like _____ acting as a career.

to do is to take up

Why did you turn down the offer of a job? (PERSUADED)
What was _____ accept the job offer?

it that persuaded you not to

It's our parents' 25th wedding anniversary next year. (MARRIED)
Next year our parents _____ for 25 years.

will have been married

Unless you get here soon, we'll leave without you (MEAN)
If you don't turn _____ we'll have to leave without you.

up soon, it will mean

'Why did Tom act in such an irresponsible way?' asked Chloe. (SO)
Chloe wanted to _____ irresponsibly.

know why Tom had acted so

Everything was fine before Emily arrived and then things started to go wrong (ONLY)
It _____ that everything started to go wrong.

was only when Emily arrived

The idea of going to the new health centre was Pat's suggestion. (FORWARD)
It was Pat _____ idea of going to the new health centre.

who put forward the

More than anything else Grace wanted to start her own aromatherapy clinic.
(AMBITION)
Grace's _____ to start her own aromatherapy clinic.

greatest ambition was

Providing you look after it carefully, you can borrow my laptop.(LONG)
You can borrow my laptop _____ good care of it.

as long as you take

I wasn't surprised to hear that Martin had joined the gym. (CAME)
It _____ me to hear that Martin had joined the gym.

came as no surprise to

I will only try acupuncture if my doctor approves of the idea. (UNLESS)
I won't try acupuncture _____ my doctor's approval for the idea.

unless I receive

It's very unlikely that space tourism will take off in my lifetime. (HARDLY)
Space tourism is _____ in my lifetime.

hardly likely to take off

Clarissa told me how very good this anti-aging cream is. (HIGHLY)
This anti-aging cream was _____ Clarissa.

highly recommended to me by

We arrived at the restaurant too late to order a full meal (ABLE)
Had we arrived at the restaurant earlier, _____ order a full meal.

we would have been able to

The constant public attention on famous people must have an effect on them. (EYE)

Constantlymust have an effect on famous people.

being in the public eye

James would only speak to the head of department alone. (ON)

James..... to the head of department alone

insisted on speaking

This building would be ideal for our new office except that there are no parking facilities nearby. (FROM)

This building would be ideal for our new officeof parking facilities nearby.

apart from the lack

It's only because of the quality of the lead singer's voice that people listen to the album. (WORTH)

It's the quality of the lead singer's voice thatto

makes the album worth listening

The hotel wasn't just far from the sea, it was expensive too. (ONLY)
Notway from the sea, it was expensive too.

only was the hotel a long

Jenny felt she had stayed too long at the party. (HIGH)
Jenny felt it.....the party

was high time she left

**Hannah's essay doesn't have a clear enough explanation of the main point
to be awarded top marks. (CLEARLY)**
Hannah's essay doesn'tto be awarded top marks.

explain the main point clearly enough