

SENTENCE TRANSFORMATION EXERCISES 1

The aim of the exercise is to practice different English grammar rules!

**Complete the second sentence of each pair so that it has the same meaning as the first sentence!
The first one has been done for you!**

1. They cut down the wood in order to build a new road.
The wood WAS CUT DOWN IN ORDER TO BUILD A NEW ROAD. (*The active voice has been changed into the passive because it's more important what was done than who did it, which is one of the reasons for using the passive voice!*)
2. We studied the legal documents for three hours.
We spent
3. If Tom had played better he would have been picked for the team.
Tom did not play
4. "I'm sorry I tore your jacket, Sarah," said Tony.
Tony apologised
5. Lucy is very depressed as a result of her illness.
Lucy's illness
6. The final date for sending in applications is 10th May.
Applications must
7. Your grandfather really ought to give up driving.
It's time
8. You're not obliged to sign the contract now if you don't want to.
You don't
9. "Don't forget to post my letter this afternoon, Sam!" said Jane.
Jane told
10. Simon wasn't to blame for losing the car keys.
Losing the car keys
11. Despite his illness, the pianist gave a marvellous performance.
Even
12. Nobody will ever forget these historic events.
These historic events
13. "You can borrow my car if you want to," said Aunt Emily.
Aunt Emily offered to
14. Anna didn't win the race because she fell just before the finishing line.
If Anna
15. Sam hardly ever makes a typing error.
It's not usual
16. The last time I went to Paris I was still at school.
I haven't
17. Chris regretted not reading the recipe properly.
Chris wished
18. My uncle talked all the time when we visited him last week.
My uncle didn't
19. I don't want you to leave the party yet.
I'd rather
20. The students couldn't understand the lecture because it was so difficult.
The lecture was too
21. I had never been in a hot-air balloon before.
It was the
22. My sister doesn't really want to come on holiday with us.
My sister would rather
23. Charles couldn't read the map because he wasn't wearing his glasses.
If Charles
24. "Do you take sugar in your coffee, Maria?" asked Mrs Brown.
Mrs Brown asked

TRANSFORMATION EXERCISES 2

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**Complete the second sentence of each pair so that it has the same meaning as the first sentence!
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1. Linda knew no one at her new school.
Linda didn't KNOW ANYONE AT HER NEW SCHOOL. (*The rule which says that only one negation is possible in an English sentence.*)
2. The bookshelf was too high for Susan to reach.
Susan wasn't
3. Michael left the party without saying goodbye.
Michael didn't
4. My father went to work this morning in spite of being ill.
Even
5. Jane runs three miles before breakfast to keep fit.
Jane keeps fit
6. The concert was so long and boring that we all fell asleep.
It
7. I couldn't get to sleep because it was noisy.
If it
8. Christine began to play the piano when she was six.
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9. "Don't make any phone calls while I'm out. Sandra," her father said.
Sandra's father told
10. James doesn't get home from work as early as Tom.
Tom
11. I think you ought to complain about the bill.
If I
12. This is the last time I'll ever lend Martin my car.
I'll
13. It is possible to hire bicycles from several local shops.
Bicycles
14. Robert managed to carry the heavy dish to the table without dropping it.
Robert succeeded
15. Paul regretted posting that letter to Miriam.
Paul wished
16. Sarah isn't usually late.
It's unusual
17. Jenny didn't know how to use a computer, so she didn't get the job.
If Jenny
18. A friend is painting their house this week.
Their house
19. I think we should leave now.
It's
20. It isn't necessary for you to water the plants every day.
You don't
21. The train doesn't go any further than Paris.
The train only
22. We didn't get home until midnight.
It
23. Harry refused to go to the dentist even though he had a terrible toothache.
Despite
24. "You told me a lie!" said Amanda to her husband.
Amanda accused