# FCE Part 4 - 10 Exercises

Sentence transformations • 10 different exercises • 10 sentences each

**Instructions:** Complete each sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Use between **two and five words**, including the word given. Do not change the word given.

**Quick tips**
1. Read the first sentence carefully.
2. Identify the grammar pattern.
3. Keep the key word unchanged.
4. Write 2-5 words only.
5. Check grammar, meaning and spelling.

## Exercise 1 - Comparatives and structures of comparison

*Use structures such as not as ... as, much/far + comparative, too / enough, and comparison reformulation.*

**1.** This exam task is more difficult than the last one we did.
**AS**
This exam task is not _____ the last one we did.

**2.** Tom is the fastest runner in the class.
**NO**
No one in the class _____ Tom.

**3.** The film was much more interesting than I had expected.
**FAR**
The film was _____ I had expected.

**4.** Lucy is too young to stay at home alone.
**ENOUGH**
Lucy is not _____ stay at home alone.

**5.** This book is less entertaining than the one I read last week.
**AS**
This book is not _____ the one I read last week.

**6.** I have never eaten a better pizza than this one.
**BEST**
This is _____ ever eaten.

**7.** The test was easier than we thought it would be.
**AS**
The test was not _____ we thought it would be.

**8.** Mark and I are the same height.
**AS**
Mark is _____ I am.

**9.** Travelling by train is cheaper than travelling by plane.
**EXPENSIVE**
Travelling by plane is _____ travelling by train.

**10.** She speaks English more confidently than her brother.
**AS**
Her brother does not speak English _____ she does.

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## Exercise 2 - Passive voice

*Rewrite using passive structures in the correct tense.*

**1.** People speak English in many different countries.
**SPOKEN**
English _____ in many different countries.

**2.** Someone stole my bike yesterday afternoon.
**WAS**
My bike _____ yesterday afternoon.

**3.** They are building a new sports centre near the school.
**IS**
A new sports centre _____ near the school.

**4.** The teacher will announce the results tomorrow.
**BE**
The results _____ tomorrow.

**5.** They have cancelled the concert because of the weather.
**BEEN**
The concert _____ because of the weather.

**6.** Someone had cleaned the classroom before the lesson began.
**BEEN**
The classroom _____ before the lesson began.

**7.** People should wear seat belts at all times.
**BE**
Seat belts _____ at all times.

**8.** They gave us a lot of useful information.
**WERE**
We _____ a lot of useful information.

**9.** The school is organising a trip to London next month.
**BEING**
A trip to London _____ by the school next month.

**10.** They did not invite Anna to the party.
**WASN'T**
Anna _____ to the party.

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## Exercise 3 - Modal verbs, obligation, advice and permission

*Practise should, ought to, must, have to, needn't, be allowed to and similar reformulations.*

**1.** It is a good idea for you to revise every day.
**SHOULD**
You _____ every day.

**2.** It isn't necessary for students to wear uniform on Fridays.
**HAVE**
Students _____ uniform on Fridays.

**3.** Perhaps Marta forgot about the meeting.
**MAY**
Marta _____ about the meeting.

**4.** You are not allowed to use your phone during the exam.
**MUSTN'T**
You _____ your phone during the exam.

**5.** I advise you to speak to the teacher after class.
**OUGHT**
You _____ to the teacher after class.

**6.** Was it necessary for Sam to get up so early?
**HAVE**
Did Sam _____ up so early?

**7.** It was wrong of me to tell her the secret.
**SHOULDN'T**
I _____ her the secret.

**8.** Maybe they missed the bus.
**MIGHT**
They _____ the bus.

**9.** You are allowed to leave early today.
**CAN**
You _____ early today.

**10.** It is possible that he doesn't know the answer.
**MAY**
He _____ the answer.

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## Exercise 4 - Conditionals and unreal meaning

*Practise first, second and third conditional reformulations, plus mixed conditional meaning at FCE level.*

**1.** I didn't study, so I failed the test.
**HAD**
If I _____ the test.

**2.** If you don't hurry, you'll miss the bus.
**OR**
Hurry up, _____ the bus.

**3.** We won't go to the park if it rains.
**UNLESS**
We will go to the park _____ .

**4.** He can't buy the laptop because he doesn't have enough money.
**WOULD**
If he had enough money, he _____ the laptop.

**5.** She didn't tell me about the party, so I didn't go.
**HAVE**
If she had told me about the party, I _____ .

**6.** You won't pass the exam if you don't practise.
**UNLESS**
You won't pass the exam _____ .

**7.** I don't know her email address, so I can't send her the photos.
**WOULD**
If I knew her email address, I _____ her the photos.

**8.** Take an umbrella or you'll get wet.
**DON'T**
If you _____ wet.

**9.** He was tired, so he made several mistakes.
**HADN'T**
If he _____ so tired, he wouldn't have made several mistakes.

**10.** You can borrow my notes if you return them tomorrow.
**PROVIDED**
You can borrow my notes _____ them tomorrow.

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## Exercise 5 - Reported speech

*Transform direct meaning into reported statements, orders, requests and questions.*

**1.** "I am working on my project now," Sara said.
**WAS**
Sara said that she _____ her project then.

**2.** "Please help me with this exercise," Ben said to me.
**ASKED**
Ben _____ him with that exercise.

**3.** "Don't forget to lock the door," Mum said.
**TOLD**
Mum _____ the door.

**4.** "We have finished our homework," the students said.
**HAD**
The students said that they _____ homework.

**5.** "Why are you late?" the teacher asked me.
**WHY**
The teacher asked me _____ late.

**6.** "I will call you tomorrow," Laura said.
**WOULD**
Laura said that she _____ the following day.

**7.** "Can you open the window?" Tom asked.
**ASKED**
Tom _____ the window.

**8.** "I didn't break the vase," Jack said.
**BROKEN**
Jack said that he _____ the vase.

**9.** "Where do you live?" she asked him.
**LIVED**
She asked him where _____ .

**10.** "Let's meet after school," Nina said.
**SUGGESTED**
Nina _____ after school.

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## Exercise 6 - Linkers, contrast, reason and result

*Use although, despite, because, so, such, in order to and similar linking devices accurately.*

**1.** Although he was tired, he finished his homework.
**DESPITE**
He finished his homework _____ tired.

**2.** She stayed at home because she was ill.
**SO**
She was ill, _____ at home.

**3.** The weather was so bad that we cancelled the picnic.
**SUCH**
It was _____ we cancelled the picnic.

**4.** He studied hard because he wanted to pass.
**ORDER**
He studied hard _____ pass.

**5.** Despite the heavy rain, they kept playing.
**ALTHOUGH**
They kept playing _____ heavily.

**6.** The film was boring, so we left early.
**BECAUSE**
We left early _____ boring.

**7.** In spite of being nervous, she gave an excellent presentation.
**ALTHOUGH**
She gave an excellent presentation _____ nervous.

**8.** He trained a lot, so he improved quickly.
**RESULT**
He trained a lot and _____ improved quickly.

**9.** She wore a coat because she didn't want to feel cold.
**ORDER**
She wore a coat in _____ cold.

**10.** Although the task was difficult, everyone completed it.
**SPITE**
Everyone completed the task _____ difficulty.

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## Exercise 7 - Verb patterns and phrasal structures

*Practise verb patterns with infinitive / -ing and common phrasal reformulations.*

**1.** I started learning French three years ago.
**BEEN**
I _____ French for three years.

**2.** He stopped playing football because of his injury.
**GAVE**
He _____ football because of his injury.

**3.** Would you like to come to the cinema with us?
**FEEL**
Do you _____ to the cinema with us?

**4.** They continued talking even after the teacher arrived.
**ON**
They _____ even after the teacher arrived.

**5.** I regret telling her the truth.
**WISH**
I _____ her the truth.

**6.** She succeeded in solving the problem.
**MANAGED**
She _____ the problem.

**7.** We arrived too late to see the beginning of the film.
**EARLY**
We didn't arrive _____ the beginning of the film.

**8.** Tom and I have a good relationship.
**GET**
Tom and I _____ each other.

**9.** Please complete this form before the interview.
**OUT**
Please _____ before the interview.

**10.** I haven't decided yet, but I am considering joining the drama club.
**THINKING**
I am _____ the drama club.

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## Exercise 8 - Wishes, regrets and preferences

*Use wish, if only, would rather and similar structures.*

**1.** I am sorry that I can't come to your party.
**WISH**
I _____ to your party.

**2.** It is a pity that we didn't leave earlier.
**ONLY**
If _____ earlier.

**3.** I would prefer not to travel by bus.
**RATHER**
I _____ by bus.

**4.** I'm sorry I said that to her.
**WISH**
I _____ that to her.

**5.** Tom prefers watching films at home to going to the cinema.
**RATHER**
Tom would _____ at home than go to the cinema.

**6.** I want my neighbours to stop making so much noise.
**WISH**
I _____ making so much noise.

**7.** It's a pity that she doesn't live nearer.
**ONLY**
If _____ nearer.

**8.** He regrets not studying harder last year.
**WISHES**
He _____ harder last year.

**9.** I'd prefer you not to tell anyone about this.
**RATHER**
I'd _____ anyone about this.

**10.** I am sorry that I spent all my money.
**WISH**
I _____ all my money.

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## Exercise 9 - Causative, have/get something done, and related reformulations

*Practise causative meaning and closely related sentence patterns.*

**1.** A mechanic repaired Dad's car yesterday.
**HAD**
Dad _____ yesterday.

**2.** The hairdresser is cutting my hair this afternoon.
**HAVING**
I _____ this afternoon.

**3.** Someone cleaned the windows for us last week.
**HAD**
We _____ last week.

**4.** A technician is going to install their new internet tomorrow.
**INSTALLED**
They are going to _____ tomorrow.

**5.** The dentist checked my teeth last Monday.
**HAD**
I _____ last Monday.

**6.** Someone stole her phone while she was on the bus.
**HAD**
She _____ while she was on the bus.

**7.** A professional photographer took our school photo.
**HAD**
We _____ by a professional photographer.

**8.** Someone is painting our kitchen at the moment.
**BEING**
We _____ at the moment.

**9.** A designer has decorated their living room.
**HAD**
They _____ .

**10.** The optician tested my eyes yesterday.
**HAD**
I _____ yesterday.

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## Exercise 10 - Mixed exam-style transformations

*A final mixed set combining the most common B2 First transformation patterns.*

**1.** I last saw Nina in June.
**SINCE**
I _____ June.

**2.** The lesson was so boring that Paul nearly fell asleep.
**SUCH**
It was _____ Paul nearly fell asleep.

**3.** This is the first time I have tried sushi.
**NEVER**
I _____ sushi before.

**4.** Perhaps Alex forgot to send the email.
**MAY**
Alex _____ to send the email.

**5.** You should not spend so much time online.
**BETTER**
You _____ so much time online.

**6.** The book was too difficult for me to finish.
**ENOUGH**
I wasn't _____ finish the book.

**7.** They cancelled the match because of the storm.
**CALLED**
The match _____ because of the storm.

**8.** Maria started playing the violin when she was eight.
**PLAYING**
Maria _____ she was eight.

**9.** I advise you to check your answers carefully.
**IF**
If _____ check your answers carefully.

**10.** Although he had little experience, he got the job.
**SPITE**
In _____ experience, he got the job.

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