

For tasks 1–4, complete the second sentence so that it is as similar in meaning as possible to the first sentence and it is correct in both grammar and spelling. Use up to five words.

- 1** 1.1. Their work needs to improve dramatically, doesn't it?
_____ dramatic improvement in their work, hadn't there?
- 1.2. I'll probably finish eating dinner around six o'clock, so please call me after that.
Please don't call me before six; I _____ eating my dinner by then.
- 1.3. When I asked them to help me, they only laughed.
All _____ laugh when I asked for their help.
- 1.4. She didn't just buy a ticket for me; she also gave me a lift to the station.
Not _____ a ticket, but she also drove me to the station.
- 1.5. I didn't win the race because somebody tripped me over.
If I _____, I might have won the race.
- 2** 2.1. We were exhausted after our eight-hour drive.
We were exhausted because we _____ eight hours.
- 2.2. Let's start as soon as possible, so we can finish really quickly.
_____, the quicker we'll finish.
- 2.3. Thousands of parcels are waiting for somebody to deliver them.
There are thousands of parcels _____.
- 2.4. I regret that I didn't look after my teeth better.
If _____ care of my teeth!
- 2.5. You only worked out the answer because of me.
Were _____, you'd never have worked out the answer.
- 3** 3.1. I've been studying English for 9 and a half years.
Six months from now, _____ English for 10 years.
- 3.2. They made me remove my shoes before I could pass through the security gate.
Before passing through the security gate, I _____ off my shoes.
- 3.3. Why are you still here? It was time to leave three hours ago.
Why haven't you gone yet? You're _____ three hours ago!
- 3.4. They brought our food to us as soon as we arrived.
_____ arrived than they brought us our food.
- 3.5. I quickly learned how to ride a motorbike, even though I'd never done it before.
Despite _____ a motorbike before, I learned how to do it quickly.
- 4** 4.1. People will talk about these events for years.
These events _____ for years.
- 4.2. We only realised that the front door had been open all day when we got back home.
_____ got back home that we realised the front door had been open all day.
- 4.3. Whatever your decision, we'll support you.
No _____ decide, you'll have our support.
- 4.4. I didn't come to the party because I didn't know you were going to have one.
Had _____ to have a party, I would have come.
- 4.5. There were rumours that they hadn't been paying tax.
They were _____ avoiding paying tax.