

# 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.
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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.