

KEY WORD TRANSFORMATION (max 6 words)

1. It hasn't taken Sam long to learn Spanish.

PICKED

Sam _____ Spanish very quickly.

2. We must take as much advantage as possible of any opportunity to speak English.

MOST

We have _____ any opportunity to speak English.

3. Experts estimate that most people now have access to the Internet.

IS

_____ most people now have access to the Internet.

4. What's the answer to sixteen minus eight?

AWAY

If you _____ sixteen, what's the answer?

5. The students will finish their English course at the end of June.

HAVE

The English course _____ the beginning of July.

6. There will be no more oil available in this area in 2030.

RUN

Oil supplies in this area _____ by the year 2031.

7. Bob hadn't seen his uncle for several years.

GONE

After several years _____, Bob saw his uncle again.

8. Everyone believes that the tax changes helped poorer people.

ARE

The tax changes _____ poorer people.

9. I'm not going to tolerate this untidiness any longer.

UP

I have no intention _____ this untidiness any longer.

10. We went for a walk although it was raining yesterday.

SPITE

We went for a walk _____ yesterday.

11. I'm sure it will be raining tomorrow.

BOUND

It _____ raining tomorrow.

12. It's ages since my sister and I had an argument.

OUT

My sister and I _____ ages.

13. Jana speaks excellent Finnish so I'm sure she's lived in Finland at some point.

HAVE

Jana _____ Finland at some point because she speaks excellent Finnish.

14. We are friends although we have disagreements about some things.

DESPITE

We are friends _____ disagree about some things.

15. Has John caught a cold?

DOWN

Can you tell me if _____ with a cold?

16. The problem we were faced with was a serious one.

CAME

The problem we _____ was a serious one.

17. It was a mistake not to apply for the job.

WISH

I _____ for the job.

18. She is so scared of dogs, that maybe a dog bit her when she was little.

BITTEN

She is so scared of dogs that she _____ a dog when she was little.

19. I can't wait to see the sights in London.

FORWARD

I am _____ the sights in London.

20. The tourist trade is much better now than it was last month.

PICKED

The tourist trade _____ noticeably since last month.

21. Governments should preserve all the world's languages.

OUGHT

All the world's languages _____ governments.

22. The family always spent their holidays climbing in the mountains.

USED

The family's holidays _____ climbing in the mountains.

23. The first thing Mary did after arriving was check into her hotel and take a nap.

ARRIVED

No _____ Mary checked into her hotel and took a nap.

24. Physical exercise won't hurt you if you are careful.

DO

Physical exercise won't _____ if you are careful.

25. It was not a good idea for you to refuse the offer of that job.

DOWN

You should _____ the offer of that job.

26. Jack hopes to be a successful musician, so he sings and dances as well as plays the guitar.

DOES

Jack hopes to be a successful musician, so _____ the guitar, he also sings and dances.

Grammar reference

1, 4, 6, 9, 12, 16, 20 PHRASAL VERBS

3, 8 PASSIVE WITH REPORTING VERBS

5,11 FUTURE PERFECT, BOUND TO

10,14 IN SPITE, DESPITE

13,18 MODAL VERBS OF PROBABILITY IN THE PAST

17 I WISH/IF ONLY

21 PASSIVE VOICE WITH MODALS

22 USED TO/WOULD DO STH

23,26 INVERSION WITH NEGATIVE ADVERBIALS