

SKILL BUILDING _ WRITING

SENTENCE TRANSFORMATION 1

PRACTICE 1: Rewrite the following sentences with NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS, so that the meaning of the sentences stays the same.

1. It isn't necessary to finish the work today.
You don't _____ the work today.
2. Sally finally managed to get a job.
Sally finally succeeded _____ job.
3. I last went to that restaurant 2 years ago.
I _____ to that restaurant for 2 years.
4. "I advised you to take a holiday," the doctor continued.
"You should _____."
5. If you don't rest yourself, you really will be ill.
Unless _____, you really will be ill.
6. Those pictures are beautiful.
How beautiful _____!
7. It was an interesting film.
What _____!
8. What's the weight of your suitcase?
How heavy _____?
9. How tall is Peter's father?
What is the _____ father?
10. We arrived too late to see the first film.
We didn't _____ to see the first film.
11. "I'm sorry that I broke the glass", said Peter.
Peter apologized _____ glass.
12. Though the doctor has warned him, he keeps on smoking.
In spite of _____, he keeps on smoking.
13. She preferred to stay at home rather than to go to the play.
She preferred _____ to going to the play.

14. She came to London to study English.

She came to London so that she _____.

15. Because she behaves badly, everybody hates her.

Because of _____, everybody hates her.

PRACTICE 2: Rewrite the following sentences with NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS, so that the meaning of the sentences stays the same.

1. He found that it was impossible to study at home.

He found _____ impossible.

2. It was more expensive than I thought.

I thought _____.

3. I bought a book for James.

I bought _____.

4. The last time it rained was a fortnight ago.

It hasn't rained _____.

5. The car was so rusty that it couldn't be repaired.

The car was too _____ repaired.

6. He never has enough money.

He's always _____.

7. Yogurt is supposed to be good for you.

Yogurt is supposed to _____.

8. If she brings her passport, she will travel around the world.

Unless she brings her passport, she _____ around the world.

9. Sally is the cleverest student in the class.

Nobody in the class _____ Sally.

10. I have never read such a romantic story.

This is _____ story I have ever read.

HOMEWORK

PRACTICE 3: Write the sentences using the given clues.

1. The viewers / become / excite / about / end / film / last night.

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2. Titanic / give / Academy Award / Best Picture / 1997.

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3. Vietnamese National Football Team / going / participate / Sea Games / this year.

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4. Their team / be / easily / beaten / first round / competition.

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5. The players / should / be / fair-play / gain / spectators' support.

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6. Before / he / go / England / he / read / tons / guide books.

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7. I / look / hat / but / I / can't / find / anywhere.

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8. I / can't / remember / last song / they / play

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9. I / used / get up / early / morning.

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