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Paper 1 Part 4

Key word transformation

Part 4 of the Reading and Use of English test is a key word transformation task. This tests your knowledge of both vocabulary and grammar in that you have to make a sentence with the same meaning as another sentence and using a word that you are given.

There are six items, each consisting of one complete sentence, one given word and a sentence with a gap in the middle.

- You have to complete the second sentence using the word given.
- You cannot change the word given in any way.
- The second sentence must be as close as possible in meaning to the first sentence.
- You must use between three and six words, to complete the second sentence.

I was about to leave school when I saw George.
POINT

I was on the point of leaving school when I saw George.

In this example, you need to know the phrase *to be on the point of* and you need to know that *of* must be followed by a noun or *-ing* form.

1 Complete the sentences using the word given.

- 1 Sam's invention impressed his tutor.
MADE
Sam's invention
his tutor.
- 2 He would only speak English with the visitors.
INSISTED
He
English with the visitors.
- 3 The price of petrol went up a lot last month.
SHARP
There was a
the price of petrol last month.
- 4 I saw the postman for a second as he passed by.
SIGHT
I
the postman for a second as he passed by.

2 Why are these answers incorrect? Correct them.

- 1 Each new generation is told the secret recipe.
DOWN
The secret recipe is handed down each new generation.
- 2 I hadn't expected the present at all.
CAME
The present comes as a complete surprise to me.
- 3 The child's mother became very emotional when he was found.
OVERCOME
The child's mother was overcome for emotion when he was found.
- 4 Could you possibly help me with this suitcase?
HAND
Could you possibly help my hand with this suitcase?

Fixed phrases and collocations

In this part of the Reading and Use of English test, it will help if you know a wide range of collocations and fixed phrases (e.g. blissfully happy, which means extremely happy or to be at a loose end, which means to have nothing in particular to do).

3 Match phrases 1–6 with their equivalent phrases a–f.

- 1 He pointed out to me
 - 2 I was shocked
 - 3 I couldn't see him anywhere
 - 4 He'll feel much better
 - 5 I had no idea
 - 6 He lost his job
- a There was no sign of him
 - b He drew my attention to
 - c I was unaware
 - d He was made redundant
 - e It came as a complete surprise to me
 - f It'll do him good

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Adjectives/verbs/nouns + prepositions

When you learn an adjective, verb or noun, make sure you also learn any prepositions that need to come after it.

4 Complete these sentences with a preposition.

- 1 She said that she always takes pride her work.
- 2 He's proud his daughter's achievements.
- 3 I was prevented entering the competition because of my age.
- 4 They specialise designing apps for educational purposes.
- 5 I agree that you could trust him your life.
- 6 He asked if there had been a huge increase the number of students going to university.

The transformation will also require you to think about grammar. For example, passives, conditionals, reported speech, etc.

5 Complete these sentences with three to six words, including the word given.

- 1 Unless we get the 8 o'clock train, we will miss lunch.
MEAN
If we don't get the 8 o'clock train, lunch.
- 2 They say Italian football players earn more than others.
HIGHEST
Italian football players are salaries.
- 3 'I'm sorry I forgot to email you the details earlier,' said the tour operator.
FOR
The tour operator emailing the details earlier.
- 4 I don't think the advice your accountant gave you was very good.
SHOULD
Your accountant better advice.

Practice

6 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 three and six words, including the word given.

- 1 Some people have to provide a medical certificate when they apply for a US visa.
REQUIRED
A medical certificate a US visa.
- 2 People say the island has a lot of natural resources.
RICH
The island natural resources.
- 3 Gina complains all the time.
NOTHING
Gina complain.
- 4 The candidate answered the questions honestly.
HONEST
The candidate the questions.
- 5 The tennis court was so wet, the match was cancelled.
BEEN
If the tennis court hadn't been so wet, the match off.
- 6 Regardless of the fact that you're my friend, I agree with your argument.
SIDE
I'd be you weren't my friend.
- 7 Sam said that there was no way he was prepared to help me.
FLATLY
Sam hand.
- 8 Could you get some milk as you're coming home?
WAY
Would you mind home?