

Useful language: reported speech, linking words, conditionals, etc.

1 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. In each case, underline the words that change in both sentences. (Note: this is not an exam task and there is no key word.)

- 1 On Saturday night, I hate staying in by myself.
On Saturday night, I hate staying in on
- 2 Despite the fact I was carrying an umbrella, I got completely wet.
I got completely wet, even
- 3 Harry is sorry he didn't get up earlier yesterday morning.
Harry wishes he
- 4 People believe it was the worst storm in history.
It is believed to
- 5 Somebody has painted our house.
We have had
- 6 It's years since I swam in the sea.
I haven't
- 7 'Are you going to the party?' Ingrid asked me.
Ingrid asked me
- 8 I couldn't find Callum's address so I didn't write to him.
If I hadn't lost Callum's address, I

2 Choose the correct words in *italics* in these sentences written by First candidates.

- 1 I have wanted to go to India *for* / *since* years, but never have.
- 2 The girl came and asked me if I *will* / *would* dance with her.
- 3 The town was very beautiful, I wish you *were* / *had been* there to admire its beauty.
- 4 The people are really friendly *even if* / *even though* you don't speak their language.
- 5 The local café is said *has* / *to have* the oldest coffee machine in the country.
- 6 I think that you will still have fun *by* / *on* your own and you will make friends while you are there.
- 7 I haven't been to the salon since I *cut my hair* / *had my hair cut* there six months ago.
- 8 *Even so* / *Even though* the firework display wasn't exciting, I think it was a great event.

- 1 Study the first sentence in questions 25-30 below. For each sentence, underline the words you think you will have to change. (0) has been done as an example.
- 2 Follow the exam instructions.

Tip! Don't write the whole sentence on your answer sheet, just the missing words.

Tip! When you've finished, read the first sentence again, then the one you have written. Have you got **all** the ideas from the first sentence in your new sentence?

For questions **25-30**, 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. Here is an example (0).

- 0 Everyone expects that the Olympic champion will win the next race, too.

EXPECTED

The Olympic champion win the next race, too.

The gap can be filled by the words 'is expected to' so you write:

Example:

0 IS EXPECTED TO

Tip! Check the number of words you've used. Remember that contracted forms (e.g. I'm) count as two words, except can't (= cannot) which counts as one.

Write only the missing words **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** on the separate answer sheet.

- 25 'I'll take you to the station if you're ready,' my brother said.

LONG

My brother said he'd take me to the station ready.

- 26 My bike needs repairing again.

GET

I'll have to again.

- 27 The firm said profits had fallen on account of the recession.

FALL

The firm blamed the recession.

- 28 Sigourney regretted spending so much in the shops.

WISHED

Sigourney less in the shops.

- 29 People believe that poem was written about these beautiful hills.

HAVE

That poem written about these beautiful hills.

- 30 Without your help, I wouldn't have finished the job.

BEEN

I wouldn't have finished the job if your help.

Advice

25 Think of a phrase that can sometimes be used like 'if'.

26 What structure can we use when someone does something for us?

27 What preposition sometimes goes with 'blame'?

28 What verb form often follows the past of 'wish'?

29 Use two passive verb forms.

30 Think of a suitable past conditional form.

