

# B2 First (FCE) Use of English Part 4

Masterclass Student Guide & Exercise Bank (10 Core Syllabus Patterns)

**Exam Instructions:** Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the key word given. **Do not change the word given.** You must use between **two and five words**, including the word given. Write only the missing words in CAPITAL LETTERS in the exam. Note: Contractions count as two words (e.g., *don't = do not*).

## Topic 1: Conditionals

- **Unless (= If ... not):** Followed strictly by an affirmative verb. **Unless + Affirmative Verb**
- **Provided that / As long as (= Only if):** Sets an absolute condition.
- **Third Conditional (Past Regrets):** Describes an imaginary past. **If + Past Perfect, would + have + Past Participle**

1. If it doesn't rain tomorrow, we will go skiing on the slopes.

**UNLESS**

We will go skiing on the slopes \_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow.

2. I didn't pass the FCE exam because I didn't study the phrasal verbs.

**HAD**

If I \_\_\_\_\_ phrasal verbs, I would have passed the FCE exam.

3. You can stay at this luxurious hotel only if you pay in advance.

**AS**

You can stay at this luxurious hotel \_\_\_\_\_ you pay in advance.

4. He didn't check the map, so he got stuck in a massive traffic jam.

**NOT**

If he had checked the map, he \_\_\_\_\_ stuck in a traffic jam.

5. I will help you with your homework only if you promise to get ready quickly.

**PROVIDED**

I will help you with your homework \_\_\_\_\_ to get ready quickly.

## Topic 2: Wish / If Only

- **Present Regrets:** Expresses a desire to alter a current reality. **Wish / If only + Past Simple**
- **Past Regrets:** Expresses a regret about a past situation. **Wish / If only + Past Perfect**
- **Irritation / Annoyance:** Complaints about current behavior or habits. **Wish + Subject + would + Infinitive**

1. I'm sorry I don't lead an active lifestyle at the moment.

### WISH

I \_\_\_\_\_ an active lifestyle at the moment.

2. It's a real pity that we didn't get the chance to see the band perform live.

### ONLY

If \_\_\_\_\_ the chance to see the band perform live.

3. Please stop playing your music so loud; it really gets on my nerves!

### WOULD

I wish \_\_\_\_\_ playing your music so loud!

4. I regret buying these scruffy second-hand jeans.

### HAD

I wish \_\_\_\_\_ those scruffy second-hand jeans.

5. It's a shame that our goalkeeper cannot take part in the match tomorrow.

### COULD

I wish our goalkeeper \_\_\_\_\_ part in the match tomorrow.

## Topic 3: Passive Reporting Structures

- **Present Fact Reporting:** Reports a general current belief. **Subject + is/are + said/thought + to + Infinitive**
- **Past Action Reporting:** Reports a belief about a past event. **Subject + is/are + believed + to + HAVE + Past Participle**

1. People say that a sedentary lifestyle causes serious health problems.

### SAID

A sedentary lifestyle \_\_\_\_\_ serious health problems.

2. They believe the mountaineer escaped the dangerous storm by hiding in a cave.

### BELIEVED

The mountaineer \_\_\_\_\_ escaped the dangerous storm by hiding in a cave.

3. Everyone thinks she works as a full-time wind turbine technician.

**THOUGHT**

She \_\_\_\_\_ as a full-time wind turbine technician.

4. Experts consider that parkour is an effective tool for building resilience.

**CONSIDERED**

Parkour \_\_\_\_\_ an effective tool for building resilience.

5. Journalists report that the celebrity turned up late for the awards ceremony.

**REPORTED**

The celebrity \_\_\_\_\_ late for the awards ceremony.

### Topic 4: Reported Speech & Reporting Verbs

- **Suggest / Deny Pattern:** Followed directly by a gerund or a 'that' clause. **Suggest/Deny + -ing**
- **Remind Pattern:** Requires an object pronoun before the infinitive. **Remind + someone + to + Infinitive**
- **Accuse Pattern:** Requires 'of' and a gerund. **Accuse + someone + of + -ing**

1. "Why don't we create a new playlist for the party?" said Mark.

**SUGGESTED**

Mark \_\_\_\_\_ a new playlist for the party.

2. "I didn't get rid of your old childhood toys," said Sarah.

**DENIED**

Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ rid of my old childhood toys.

3. "Don't forget to get in touch with Paula," my mum said to me.

**REMINDED**

My mum \_\_\_\_\_ in touch with Paula.

4. "You stole my designer sweatshirt!" Tom told Ben.

**ACCUSED**

Tom \_\_\_\_\_ his designer sweatshirt.

5. "I will definitely arrive early at the theatre," he said.

**PROMISED**

He \_\_\_\_\_ up early at the theatre.

## Topic 5: Inversion

- **Structure:** Reverses standard word order for style or dramatic emphasis after restrictive adverbs. **Negative Adverb + Auxiliary Verb + Subject + Main Verb**
- **Common Adverbials:** Rarely, Seldom, Little, No sooner (...than), On no account.

1. He had rarely seen such a chaotic and stressful way of life.

**RARELY**

\_\_\_\_\_ such a chaotic and stressful way of life.

2. She didn't know that her flatmates were planning a surprise party for her.

**LITTLE**

\_\_\_\_\_ know that her flatmates were planning a surprise party for her.

3. As soon as we set off on our journey, it started to pour with rain.

**SOONER**

No \_\_\_\_\_ off on our journey than it started to pour with rain.

4. You must not pick up the football with your hands during the game under any circumstances.

**ACCOUNT**

On \_\_\_\_\_ pick up the football with your hands during the game.

5. I have seldom heard such a beautiful track on the radio.

**SELDOM**

\_\_\_\_\_ heard such a beautiful track on the radio.

## Topic 6: Modal Verbs (Past Deduction & Probability)

- **Past Certainty (Positive):** Modals evaluating definite past actions. **must + have + Past Participle**
- **Past Certainty (Negative):** Expressing absolute past impossibility. **can't / cannot + have + Past Participle**
- **Past Possibility / Uncertainty:** **might / may / could + have + Past Participle**

1. I am certain Lucas didn't see that film because he was rehearsing at the theatre.

### CAN'T

Lucas \_\_\_\_\_ the film because he was rehearsing at the theatre.

2. Perhaps Maja didn't catch up on her sleep last night because she looks exhausted.

### MIGHT

Maja \_\_\_\_\_ up on her sleep last night.

3. I'm certain Ben reached the summit of Everest yesterday because his GPS updated.

### MUST

Ben \_\_\_\_\_ summit of Everest yesterday.

4. It is possible that the flight to New Zealand was delayed due to the snowstorm.

### COULD

The flight to New Zealand \_\_\_\_\_ due to the snowstorm.

5. I'm sure she didn't leave her climbing helmet at the wind turbine station.

### HAVE

She \_\_\_\_\_ her climbing helmet at the wind turbine station.

## Topic 7: Comparatives & Superlatives

- **Big Difference (Negative Equivalence):** Replaces standard comparative. **not + nearly + as + Adjective + as**
- **Double Comparative:** Tracks parallel continuous changes. **The + comparative..., the + comparative...**
- **Superlative with Ever:** **The + superlative + noun + subject + have/has + ever + Past Participle**

1. Running ten kilometres is much harder than swimming several laps.

### NEARLY

Swimming several laps is \_\_\_\_\_ running ten kilometres.

2. As you spend more time living abroad, you develop your personality more.

**MORE**

The \_\_\_\_\_ abroad, the more you develop your personality.

3. This new track on the radio is less commercial than his previous song.

**AS**

This new track on the radio is \_\_\_\_\_ his previous song.

4. I've never seen such a scruffy pair of designer jeans.

**THE**

These are \_\_\_\_\_ ever seen.

5. The final exam was less difficult than I thought it would be.

**NOT**

The final exam was \_\_\_\_\_ I thought it would be.

## Topic 8: Fixed Expressions

- **Fail to do:** Directly paraphrases an absolute negative action or inability ( **failed to + Infinitive** ).
- **Have (no) objection to:** Requires a dynamic gerund pattern ( **objection to + -ing** ).
- **Other idioms:** *Take place* (happen); *lose track of time* (forget the time).

1. The music concert was held in an incredible live music venue last week.

**PLACE**

The music concert \_\_\_\_\_ live music venue last week.

2. I forgot what time it was and turned up late for the theater play.

**TRACK**

I \_\_\_\_\_ time and turned up late for the theater play.

3. The athlete didn't manage to complete the demanding cross-country marathon.

**FAILED**

The athlete \_\_\_\_\_ the demanding cross-country marathon.

4. Do you mind if we change our travel arrangements for tomorrow morning?

**OBJECTION**

Do you \_\_\_\_\_ arrangements for tomorrow morning?

5. It's rare for me to stay up until two in the morning on weekdays.

**HABIT**

I am not \_\_\_\_\_ up until two in the morning on weekdays.

## Topic 9: Phrasal Verbs

- **Put up with:** Paraphrases the concept of tolerating an annoying situation.
- **Look forward to:** Obligatory prepositional shift requiring a gerund structure ( **look forward to + -ing** ).
- **Key operations:** *Put off* (postpone); *set off* (start a journey).

1. Someone is always telling me what to do—it really irritates me and I can't tolerate it!

### PUT

I cannot \_\_\_\_\_ always telling me what to do!

2. We decided to postpone the tennis match because the court was completely wet.

### OFF

We decided to \_\_\_\_\_ because the court was completely wet.

3. When are you going to throw away that scruffy old sweatshirt?

### RID

When are you going to \_\_\_\_\_ that scruffy old sweatshirt?

4. I anticipate seeing the band perform live on stage with great pleasure.

### FORWARD

I am really \_\_\_\_\_ the band perform live on stage.

5. We started our journey to the ski slopes very early in the morning to avoid traffic.

### SET

We \_\_\_\_\_ slopes very early in the morning.

## Topic 10: Cleft Sentences (Emphasis Structures)

- **It-Cleft Structure:** Isolates a specific element to add focus. **It + is/was + [Focused Element] + that/who + ...**
- **What-Cleft Structure:** Focuses on actions or phrases. **What + Subject + do/does/did + is/was + to + Infinitive**

1. That specific sense of danger makes me feel alive while climbing.

### IS

It \_\_\_\_\_ danger that makes me feel alive while climbing.

2. He wanted to climb Mount Everest ever since he was a young child.

### DO

What he wanted \_\_\_\_\_ climb Mount Everest since he was a young child.

3. Jack loves listening to acoustic rock music most of all.

**IS**

It \_\_\_\_\_ music that Jack loves listening to most of all.

4. I prefer doing physical work rather than working sitting down at an office desk.

**THAT**

It \_\_\_\_\_ prefer doing rather than office work.

5. She likes the unpredictable nature of her veterinary job the most.

**WHAT**

The unpredictable nature of her job \_\_\_\_\_ most.