

Sentence Transformations for B2 First

5 x 10 Exam-Style Key Word Transformation Exercises

50 original practice items + answer key

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Instructions

- Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence.
- Use the word given in CAPITALS. Do not change the word given.
- Write between two and five words, including the word given.
- Check grammar, spelling, word order and meaning before you move on.

Quick Exam Tips

- Underline the key grammar idea in the first sentence: time, contrast, condition, regret, comparison or passive meaning.
- Use the key word exactly as it is given. If the key word is SEEN, do not write see, saw or seeing.
- Read the completed sentence silently. If the meaning has changed, the answer is probably wrong.
- Do not write more than five words. Long answers often show that the structure is not controlled enough.

Student Worksheet

Exercise 1: Mixed B2 First Transformations

Focus: present perfect, too/such, modals, passive voice, comparisons and reported speech.

No.	First sentence	Key word	Second sentence
1	The last time I spoke to Mia was in June.	SEEN	I _____ June. Answer: _____
2	The film was so boring that we left early.	SUCH	It was _____ that we left early. Answer: _____
3	You should apologise to your sister.	OUGHT	You _____ to your sister. Answer: _____
4	I regret eating so much cake.	WISH	I _____ so much cake. Answer: _____
5	They cancelled the concert because of rain.	CALLED	The concert _____ because of rain. Answer: _____
6	Someone stole my bike yesterday.	WAS	My bike _____ yesterday. Answer: _____
7	I am sure Clara is at home.	MUST	Clara _____ at home. Answer: _____
8	This exercise is easier than the last one.	AS	The last exercise _____ this one. Answer: _____
9	We started waiting an hour ago.	BEEN	We _____ an hour. Answer: _____
10	"Do not forget your passport," Mum said.	REMINDED	Mum _____ my passport. Answer: _____

Exercise 2: Perfect Tenses and Time Expressions

Focus: present perfect, past perfect, for/since, ever/never, just/already/yet and unfinished time.

No.	First sentence	Key word	Second sentence
1	I have not played tennis for two years.	SINCE	It _____ I played tennis. Answer: _____
2	She has never visited Wales before.	FIRST	This is the _____ Wales. Answer: _____
3	I arrived before the meeting started.	HAD	When the meeting started, I _____. Answer: _____
4	How long have you known him?	MEET	When _____ him? Answer: _____
5	It is ages since we went to the cinema.	BEEN	We _____ the cinema for ages. Answer: _____
6	She began working here in 2019.	HAS	She _____ 2019. Answer: _____
7	They have not finished the project yet.	STILL	They _____ the project. Answer: _____
8	I have never eaten such spicy food.	THE	This is _____ I have ever eaten. Answer: _____
9	Tom left a few minutes ago.	JUST	Tom _____. Answer: _____
10	I have not seen such a beautiful painting before.	EVER	This is the most beautiful painting I _____. Answer: _____

Exercise 3: Passive Voice, Reporting Verbs and Causative Structures

Focus: active/passive forms, reporting verbs, infinitive and gerund patterns, and have something done.

No.	First sentence	Key word	Second sentence
1	They will announce the results tomorrow.	BE	The results _____ tomorrow. Answer: _____
2	People say the castle is haunted.	SAID	The castle _____ haunted. Answer: _____
3	They made Jack clean the classroom.	WAS	Jack _____ the classroom. Answer: _____
4	"I did not copy the answers," said Nina.	DENIED	Nina _____ the answers. Answer: _____
5	"Why don't we order pizza?" Liam said.	SUGGESTED	Liam _____ pizza. Answer: _____
6	"You should see a doctor," Paula told me.	ADVISED	Paula _____ a doctor. Answer: _____
7	The mechanic is repairing our car.	HAVING	We _____ at the moment. Answer: _____
8	They do not allow students to use phones.	NOT	Students _____ use phones. Answer: _____
9	"I will help you with your homework," said Ben.	PROMISED	Ben _____ with my homework. Answer: _____
10	"I am sorry I shouted at you," he said.	APOLOGISED	He _____ at me. Answer: _____

Exercise 4: Modals, Conditionals, Wishes and Comparisons

Focus: modal verbs, advice, deduction, conditionals, regret and comparative structures.

No.	First sentence	Key word	Second sentence
1	I do not have enough money to buy the jacket.	AFFORD	I _____ the jacket. Answer: _____
2	It was not necessary for us to book tickets.	NEED	We _____ tickets. Answer: _____
3	It was wrong of you to tell lies.	SHOULD	You _____ lies. Answer: _____
4	It is possible that Sarah missed the train.	MAY	Sarah _____ the train. Answer: _____
5	I am sure this is not the right address.	CANNOT	This _____ the right address. Answer: _____
6	If you do not leave now, you will be late.	UNLESS	You will be late _____ now. Answer: _____
7	I did not take your advice, so I regret it now.	WISH	I _____ your advice. Answer: _____
8	Mark is more patient than his brother.	AS	Mark's brother _____ Mark. Answer: _____
9	No one in the team plays better than Eva.	BEST	Eva _____ in the team. Answer: _____
10	If I were you, I would not spend so much money.	BETTER	You _____ so much money. Answer: _____

Exercise 5: Phrasal Verbs, Collocations and Fixed Expressions

Focus: common B2 phrasal verbs, verb patterns and fixed expressions useful for Part 4.

No.	First sentence	Key word	Second sentence
1	I cannot tolerate this noise any longer.	PUT	I cannot _____ this noise any longer. Answer: _____
2	We have no milk left.	RUN	We _____ milk. Answer: _____
3	I am excited about seeing you tomorrow.	LOOKING	I _____ you tomorrow. Answer: _____
4	He rejected the job offer.	TURNED	He _____ the job offer. Answer: _____
5	Julia resembles her father.	TAKES	Julia _____ her father. Answer: _____
6	Please continue working while I am away.	CARRY	Please _____ while I am away. Answer: _____
7	I found an old photo while I was cleaning.	CAME	I _____ an old photo while I was cleaning. Answer: _____
8	He stopped smoking last year.	GAVE	He _____ last year. Answer: _____
9	She takes care of her younger brother.	LOOKS	She _____ her younger brother. Answer: _____
10	We postponed the meeting until Friday.	PUT	We _____ until Friday. Answer: _____

Answer Key

Note: In some cases, more than one answer may be possible. The answers below are designed to match the B2 First word limit and grammar focus.

Exercise 1: Mixed B2 First Transformations

No.	Answer	Word count	Focus
1	have not seen Mia since	5	Present perfect with since
2	such a boring film	4	So/such transformation
3	ought to apologise	3	Modal verb: ought to
4	wish I had not eaten	5	Wish + past perfect for past regret
5	was called off	3	Passive + phrasal verb
6	was stolen	2	Passive voice
7	must be	2	Modal deduction: present
8	was not as easy as	5	Comparison with not as ... as
9	have been waiting for	4	Present perfect continuous with for
10	reminded me not to forget	5	Reported speech with remind

Exercise 2: Perfect Tenses and Time Expressions

No.	Answer	Word count	Focus
1	has been two years since	5	It has been + time + since
2	first time she has visited	5	This is the first time + present perfect
3	had already arrived	3	Past perfect
4	did you meet	3	Present perfect duration to past simple starting point
5	have not been to	4	Present perfect with for
6	has worked here since	4	Present perfect with since
7	still have not finished	4	Still with present perfect negative
8	the spiciest food	3	Superlative + present perfect
9	has just left	3	Present perfect with just
10	have ever seen	3	Superlative + ever + present perfect

Exercise 3: Passive Voice, Reporting Verbs and Causative Structures

No.	Answer	Word count	Focus
1	will be announced	3	Future passive
2	is said to be	4	Passive reporting structure
3	was made to clean	4	Passive with make
4	denied copying	2	Reporting verb + gerund
5	suggested ordering	2	Suggest + gerund
6	advised me to see	4	Advise + object + infinitive
7	are having our car repaired	5	Causative have something done
8	are not allowed to	4	Passive + allowed to
9	promised to help me	4	Promise + infinitive
10	apologised for shouting	3	Apologise for + gerund

Exercise 4: Modals, Conditionals, Wishes and Comparisons

No.	Answer	Word count	Focus
1	cannot afford to buy	4	Cannot afford + infinitive
2	did not need to book	5	Did not need to + infinitive
3	should not have told	4	Should have + past participle
4	may have missed	3	Modal deduction: past possibility
5	cannot be	2	Modal deduction: impossibility
6	unless you leave	3	Unless = if not
7	wish I had taken	4	Wish + past perfect
8	is not as patient as	5	Comparison with not as ... as
9	is the best player	4	Superlative transformation
10	had better not spend	4	Had better for advice

Exercise 5: Phrasal Verbs, Collocations and Fixed Expressions

No.	Answer	Word count	Focus
1	put up with	3	Phrasal verb: put up with
2	have run out of	4	Phrasal verb: run out of
3	am looking forward to seeing	5	Look forward to + gerund
4	turned down	2	Phrasal verb: turn down
5	takes after	2	Phrasal verb: take after

No.	Answer	Word count	Focus
6	carry on working	3	Carry on + gerund
7	came across	2	Phrasal verb: come across
8	gave up smoking	3	Give up + gerund
9	looks after	2	Phrasal verb: look after
10	put off the meeting	4	Phrasal verb: put off

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