

Complex Sentence Transformations Worksheet

Advanced C1-C2 · Side A

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Exercise A · Transform the sentence (Q1-5)

Rewrite using the structure in brackets; keep the same meaning.

1. They say he is the best player in the world. (It is said ...)
-> _____
2. She was so tired that she couldn't finish the report. (too ... to)
-> _____
3. He started working here five years ago. (has ... for)
-> _____
4. 'Don't touch that wire,' the engineer warned us. (warned us not to)
-> _____
5. Despite working hard, she didn't pass. (Although ...)
-> _____

Exercise B · True or False (Q6-10)

Write T (true) or F (false).

6. 'Too ... to' expresses that something is excessive and prevents a result.
Answer: _____
7. 'It is said that ...' and 'He is said to ...' have the same meaning.
Answer: _____
8. Sentence transformations always change the meaning slightly.
Answer: _____
9. 'She has worked here for five years' and 'She started working five years ago' convey the same information.
Answer: _____
10. 'In spite of working hard' and 'Although she worked hard' have the same meaning.
Answer: _____

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Exercise C · Complete the transformation (Q11-14)

Keep the exact same meaning.

11. It was so dark that we couldn't see anything. (too ... to)

-> _____

12. 'I'll help you,' she said. (offered to)

-> _____

13. He hasn't visited since Christmas. (last)

-> _____

14. Unless you hurry, you'll miss the train. (if ... not)

-> _____

Exercise D · Multiple choice (Q15-17)

Choose the correct transformation.

15. 'He regrets not studying harder.' Rewrite with 'wishes'.

(a) He wishes he studied harder. (b) He wishes he had studied harder. (c) He wishes to have studied harder.

16. 'Although it rained, the match continued.' Rewrite with 'despite'.

(a) Despite the rain, the match continued. (b) Despite it rained, the match continued. (c) Despite raining, the match was continuing.

17. 'It's two years since she left.' Rewrite with 'ago'.

(a) She left two years before. (b) She left two years ago. (c) She has left two years ago.

Exercise E · Write your own transformations (Q18-20)

Transform each sentence as instructed.

18. Rewrite with 'It is reported that ...': 'The company is struggling financially.' ->

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19. Rewrite using a participle clause: 'Because she was late, she apologised.' ->

-> _____

20. Rewrite with 'wish': 'I didn't bring an umbrella.' ->

-> _____

Answer Sheet - Complex Sentence Transformations Worksheet

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Exercise A - Transform the sentence

Q1-5

1. It is said that he is the best player in the world.
2. She was too tired to finish the report.
3. He has worked here for five years.
4. The engineer warned us not to touch that wire.
5. Although she worked hard, she didn't pass.

Exercise B - True or False

Q6-10

6. T
7. T
8. F
9. T
10. T

Exercise C - Complete the transformation

Q11-14

11. It was too dark to see anything.
12. She offered to help me.
13. He last visited at Christmas.
14. If you don't hurry, you'll miss the train.

Exercise D - Multiple choice

Q15-17

15. He wishes he had studied harder.
16. Despite the rain, the match continued.
17. She left two years ago.

Exercise E - Write your own transformations

Q18-20

18. (own answer)
19. (own answer)
20. (own answer)

Total: 20 points | Side A: Q1-10 | Side B: Q11-20