

B2 First (FCE) Use of English: Part 4

Key Word Transformation — Practice Worksheet 1

Instructions: 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.

QUESTIONS

1. I last saw Bruce a week ago.

SINCE

It
I saw Bruce.

2. "Congratulations! You won first prize, Julia!" said her teacher.

CONGRATULATED

Julia's teacher
first prize.

3. I had never seen such a beautiful garden before.

MOST

It was
I had ever seen.

4. I haven't had time to call Sophie yet.

ROUND

I haven't
Sophie yet.

5. They think they are better than anyone who didn't go to university.

LOOK

They
anyone who didn't go to university.

6. It's possible that Gavin was lying about the money.

COULD

Gavin
about the money.

7. I regret arguing with my best friend.

WISH

I
with my best friend.

8. Steve didn't manage to complete his project on time.

FAILED

Steve
his project on time.

9. How long ago did you start studying English?

BEEEN

How long
.....
English?

10. "I'll clean the kitchen later, I promise," said Mark.

OFFERED

Mark
the kitchen later.

WORKSHEET 1 — ANSWER KEY & GRAMMAR NOTES

1. has been a week since

Grammar: Present perfect + since to indicate time elapsed since a past event.

2. congratulated Julia on winning / congratulated her on winning

Grammar: Verb pattern: congratulate [someone] on + [verb-ing].

3. the most beautiful garden

Grammar: Superlative adjective structure paired with past perfect.

4. got round to calling / got around to calling

Grammar: Phrasal verb get round/around to + [verb-ing] (find time to do something).

5. look down on

Grammar: Phrasal verb look down on [someone] (to consider superior to).

6. could have been lying

Grammar: Past continuous modal of possibility: could + have + been + [verb-ing].

7. wish I hadn't argued

Grammar: Expressing past regret using wish + past perfect.

8. failed to complete

Grammar: Verb pattern: fail + to-infinitive.

9. have you been studying

Grammar: Present perfect continuous for duration up to the present.

10. offered to clean

Grammar: Reported speech / Verb pattern: offer + to-infinitive.

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Key Word Transformation — Practice Worksheet 2

Instructions: 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.

QUESTIONS

1. They are building a new cinema in the town centre.

BEING

A new cinema
.....
in the town centre.

2. I didn't go to the party because I was so tired.

WOULD

If I hadn't been so tired, I
.....
to the party.

3. "Don't touch the oven, it's very hot," Mum said to us.

WARNED

Mum
touch the oven because it was very hot.

4. I'm sure it wasn't David you saw yesterday, because he's on holiday.

CAN'T

It
David you saw yesterday, because he's on holiday.

5. I find it difficult to wake up early in the morning.

USED

I am
.....
up early in the morning.

6. Although it was raining heavily, they decided to go for a hike.

SPITE

They decided to go for a hike
.....
heavy rain.

7. The heavy snow made it impossible for us to drive home.

PREVENTED

The heavy snow

.....
driving home.

8. I'd prefer to stay at home rather than go to the cinema tonight.

SOONER

I
at home than go to the cinema tonight.

9. "Why don't we hire a bike for the weekend?" suggested Sam.

HIRING

Sam
bike for the weekend.

10. I haven't got enough money to buy that laptop.

AFFORD

I
that laptop.

WORKSHEET 2 — ANSWER KEY & GRAMMAR NOTES

1. is being built

Grammar: Present continuous passive (is/are + being + past participle).

2. would have gone

Grammar: Third conditional for past hypothetical scenario (would have + past participle).

3. warned us not to

Grammar: Reported speech / Verb pattern: warn + object + (not) to-infinitive.

4. can't have been

Grammar: Modal of negative certainty in the past (can't + have + past participle).

5. not used to getting

Grammar: Habitual state: be (not) used to + [verb-ing].

6. in spite of the

Grammar: Prepositional phrase of concession: in spite of + noun phrase.

7. prevented us from

Grammar: Verb pattern: prevent + object + from + [verb-ing].

8. would sooner stay

Grammar: Preference structure: would sooner + bare infinitive.

9. suggested hiring a

Grammar: Verb pattern: suggest + [verb-ing].

10. cannot afford to buy / can't afford to buy

Grammar: Verb pattern: can't afford + to-infinitive.
