

## Sentence Transformations Key

## Sentence transformations I (Tenses, esp. the Present Perfect)

1 I don't know who the writer of this book is. has I don't know who has written this book.

**2 I'm afraid I can't find my ID. lost** I'm afraid **I have lost** my ID.

3 I stopped making your breakfast a moment ago. have I have made breakfast for you.

4 It's unlikely that I'll see you again this week. probably
We probably won't see (will probably not see) each other again this week.

5 It's been two months since I became unemployed. been I have been unemployed for two months.

6 It's Mark's first trip to Munich. never Mark has never been to Munich before.

7 It's been over five weeks since we met each other. met We haven't met (each other) for over five weeks.

8 We last went to Spain three years ago. years
It is three years (has been three years) since we last went to Spain.

**9 Where can I find the station?** how Could you tell how I can get to the station?

10 It's been more than a year since I saw Mark. for I haven't seen Mark for more than a year.

## Sentence transformations II

- **1 My brother is too young to drive a car. not**My brother **is not old enough /isn't old enough** to drive a car.
- 2 Jack was the only one who arrived on time. apart No one arrived on time apart from Jack.
- 3 It wasn't easy for them to memorize all the terms. difficulty They had (a) difficulty (in) memorizing all the terms.
- 4 It is a teacher's responsibility to look after students. responsible A teacher is responsible for looking after students.
- **5 Dan never takes any notice of my advice. attention** Dan never **pays attention to** my advice.
- **6** The price of the trip includes travel insurance. **is** Travel insurance **is included in** the price of the trip.
- 7 He's always found biology easy. good He is good at biology.
- 8 Amanda doesn't often change her mind. unusual It is unusual for Amanda to change her mind.
- **9** It might get windy tonight, so take your anorak. case Take your anorak in case it gets/in case it is windy tonight.
- **10 Alison would rather not go for a PhD now. feel** Alison **doesn't feel like going** for a PhD now.
- 11 I'm sorry but I cannot lend you any money. me I'm sorry but it is impossible for me to lend you any money.
- 12 It will be nice to meet you again. looking I'm looking forward to meeting you again.
- **13** It isn't necessary to buy any stamps we've got a lot of them at home. have You don't have to buy any stamps we've got a lot of them at home.
- 14 He said that her departure was my fault. blamed He blamed me for her departure.
- 15 I went to a tattoo saloon last week. had I had a tattoo done last week.

## Sentence transformations III

**1 So that Pete could go on holiday in summer, he saved 500 crowns a month. order** Pete saved 500 crowns a month **in order to be** able to go on holiday in summer.

2 "I'll see you later Anne," he said. told He told Anne (that) he would see her later.

3 I am totally convinced that our team will win. chance In my opinion, there is no chance of our team losing.

4 My sister began to learn Spanish six years ago. learning My sister has been learning Spanish for six years.

**5** My watch was so badly damaged that it wasn't worth keeping. point My watch was so badly damaged that there was no point (in) keeping it.

6 This bottle is completely empty. left There's nothing left in the bottle.

7 You should get your car brakes repaired immediately. better You'd better get/ had better get your car brakes repaired immediately.

**8 Could I borrow your dictionary please? lending** Would **you mind lending me** your dictionary?

**9** Visitors to the zoo are not allowed to feed the animals. **must** The animals **mustn't be fed** by the visitors to the zoo.

**10** The manager said I could have three days off. permission The manager gave me permission to have three days off.

11 Are you familiar with his teaching style yet? used Have you got used to his teaching style yet?

**12** Barbara couldn't sing or dance. unable
Besides being unable to sing, Barbara couldn't dance either.

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