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KEY WORD TRANSFORMATIONS WITHOUT ANSWERS

All of the transformations in this document are between 2 and 5 words.

Note, for the B2 First (FCE) exam you need to write between 2 and 5 words but for the C1 Advanced (CAE) exam you need to write between 3 and 6 words.

It's possible that there will be more than 1 correct answer. If you have any doubts, you can email: admin@studentlanguages.com

Cambridgerory's recommended technique:

1. REVISE COLLOCATIONS, EXPRESSIONS AND PHRASAL VERBS BEFORE THE EXAM.
2. READ BOTH SENTENCES.
3. CROSS OUT DUPLICATE INFORMATION.
4. IDENTIFY WHAT TYPE OF WORD THEY GIVE YOU.
5. IS THIS WORD USED IN ANY COMMON COLLOCATIONS/EXPRESSIONS/PHRASAL VERBS?
6. CAN YOU USE THE REMAINING INFORMATION TO COMPLETE THE GAP?
7. IF YOU'RE STRUGGLING, ASK YOURSELF A QUESTION USING THE INFORMATION YOU HAVE.
8. CAN YOU CROSS OUT THE REMAINING INFORMATION?



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9. IS THE OVERALL MEANING CORRECT?

Remember, you should write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS!

1. My brother is too young to drive a car.

NOT

My brother _____ drive a car.

2. Would you prefer to have a table by the window? The waiter asked.

WE

The waiter asked us _____ to have a table by the window.

3. I'm getting bored here – let's go to a different place.

WE

I'm getting bored here – Why _____ else?

4. I really didn't want to queue for tickets so I bought them by phone.

AVOID

I was anxious _____ for tickets, so I bought them by phone.

5. I couldn't decide whether I preferred the blue shirt or the green one.

CHOICE

I couldn't _____ the blue shirt and the green one.



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6. Despite his disappointment, he continued to be cheerful.

REMAINED

Although _____ cheerful.

7. There were so many people on the train that I couldn't get a seat.

CROWDED

The train was _____ nowhere for me to sit.

8. The price of the books was less than I had expected.

NOT

The books did _____ I had expected.

9. My sister would never watch television until she had done her homework.

WATCHING

My sister always _____ television.

10. It appears that we have no bread left.

RUN

We seem to _____ bread.

11. We last went to Spain three years ago.

YEARS

It _____ we last went to Spain.



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12. The course finished with a big party.

END

At _____ there was a big party.

13. Be careful or you'll hurt yourself.

IF

You'll hurt yourself _____ careful.

14. Finding suitable accommodation might be difficult.

FIND

It _____ suitable accommodation.

15. The price of the holiday includes all meals.

INCLUDED

All _____ price of the holiday.

16. In my opinion, the problem has happened for two reasons.

ARE

In my opinion, _____ this problem has happened.

17. You broke my camera! Susan said to Richard.

ACCUSED



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Susan _____ her camera.

18. You're going too fast for me.

KEEP

I _____ you!

19. Where can I find the station?

HOW

Could you tell _____ to the station?

20. Mary used to be better paid than she is these days.

AS

These days Mary is _____ she used to be.

21. I'm happy to go and see any film you choose.

MIND

I _____ we go and see.

22. When the meeting was over, they went out for a drink.

HAD

As _____ finished, they went out for a drink.

23. When we eventually arrived at the party, all the food had been eaten.



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GOT

By _____ the party, all the food had been eaten.

24. He put everything back in its place before he left.

UNTIL

He did not _____ everything back in its place.

25. They decided against employing him because of his age.

TAKE

They decided _____ because of his age.

26. She is not very interested in my work.

INTEREST

She does _____ my work.

27. This is the funniest book I've ever read.

FUNNY

I've _____ book before.

28. We took a train to Liverpool last Saturday.

BY

We _____ last Saturday.



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29. She did not thank us for our help when she left.

US

She left _____ help.

30. We are hoping that the weather will improve next week.

BETTER

We are hoping _____ weather next week.

31. Who has to lock the doors when the office closes?

RESPONSIBLE

Who _____ the doors when the office closes?

32. I was really pleased that at last my father had managed to give up smoking.

SUCCESSFUL

I was really pleased that at last my father _____ up smoking.

33. I went to sleep immediately after the train left the station.

ASLEEP

I _____ as the train left the station.

34. It's unlikely that I'll see you again this week.

PROBABLY

We _____ other again this week.



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35. It will be nice to see you again at the party.

LOOKING

I'm _____ again at the party.

36. I haven't forgotten any of the details of what happened that day.

STILL

I _____ details of what happened that day.

37. We lost our way because the signposts were confusing.

CAUSED

The signposts were confusing, which _____ lost.

38. She did not buy the car because it was too expensive.

IT

She would have bought the car _____ so expensive.

39. He managed to make some extra money by writing stories.

ORDER

He wrote stories _____ make some extra money.

40. My father thinks that people who watch television are wasting their time.

A



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My father thinks watching television _____ people's time.

41. You won't have to go to the meeting next week.

NECESSARY

It will _____ to go to the meeting next week.

42. My friend had not expected the film to be so funny.

FRIEND

The film was _____ had expected.

43. Martin has to wear his glasses to read the newspaper.

WITHOUT

Martin _____ wearing his glasses.

44. Alan's children are never invited to parties now because of bad behaviour.

THAT

Alan's children _____ they are never invited to parties.

45. It was fortunate for him that he wasn't injured in the accident.

LUCKY

He _____ be injured in the accident.

46. Carol is the only person I know who enjoys homework.



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APART

I don't know _____ Carol who enjoys homework.

47. I did not think that Peter would phone tonight.

UNLIKELY

I _____ to phone tonight.

48. When I was younger I wasn't allowed to watch much television.

LET

When I was younger my parents _____ much television.

49. Paula had to wash up before she could go out.

MADE

Paula _____ wash up before she could go out.

50. Why can't we go to the party?

ALLOWED

Why _____ go to the party?

51. There's no need for you to hand the homework in until next week.

NEED

You _____ in the homework until next week.



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52. Do you know what the homework is?

SUPPOSED

Do you know what we _____ for homework?

53. It's impossible for me not to laugh when he starts singing.

HELP

I can't _____ when he starts singing.

54. I really don't want to go out this evening.

FEEL

I really don't _____ out this evening.

55. Amy played much better than her opponent, so it was unfair that she lost the match.

DESERVE

Amy _____ the match, because she played much better than her opponent.

56. Rock stars often wear dark glasses so that people don't recognize them.

PREVENT

Rock stars often wear dark glasses _____ them.

57. It's obvious he shot himself in the foot by accident.

MEAN

He obviously _____ himself in the foot.



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58. I hate it when I'm ill.

STAND

I _____ ill.

59. My brother isn't quite as tall as me.

SLIGHTLY

My brother is _____ me.

60. Pedro didn't use to be so thin.

THAN

Pedro is _____ be.

61. This exercise is much easier than the last one.

NEARLY

This exercise is _____ the last one.

62. My house is as big as yours.

SAME

My house _____ yours.

63. Jamie's mobile is very similar to mine.



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LOT

There is not _____ Jamie's mobile phone and mine.

64. There are more boys than girls in our class.

AS

There are _____ as boys in our class.

65. I've never known anyone as clever as Hillary.

THE

Hillary is _____ ever known.

66. I enjoyed myself so much I didn't want to come home.

GOOD

I had _____ time I didn't want to come home.

67. It was such an interesting book that I stayed up all night to finish it.

SO

I was _____ that I stayed up all night to finish it.

68. How long is the car journey from London to Manchester?

TAKE

How long _____ drive by car from London to Manchester?



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69. Eleanor is clearly proud of her achievement.

PRIDE

Eleanor clearly _____ her achievements.

70. We will phone you the moment we get to the hotel.

ARRIVE

We will phone you as _____ the hotel.

71. I finished my library book and returned it when the lesson finished.

END

I finished my library book and took _____ of the lesson.

72. The sign says that cigarettes must be extinguished.

HAVE

According to the sign, _____ out your cigarette.

73. What's their expected time of arrival?

SUPPOSED

What time _____ arrive?

74. I don't think you should drink any more coffee.

BETTER

You _____ any more coffee.



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75. You shouldn't be so impatient.

OUGHT

You _____ patience.

76. I'm not allowed to stay out later than 10 o'clock.

LET

My parents _____ out later than 10 o'clock.

77. The science teacher made me clean all the test tubes.

MADE

I _____ all the test tubes by the science teacher.

78. I was not surprised to hear that he'd failed.

NO

It came _____ to me to hear that he'd failed.

79. They have not decided whether to sack him or not.

COME

They haven't _____ about whether to sack him or not.

80. Peter has gone on a sailing course despite being unable to swim.

ALTHOUGH



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Peter has gone on a sailing course _____ to swim.

81. Although the train was late, we managed to get there on time.

DESPITE

We managed to get there on time, _____ late.

82. I'd rather walk than catch a bus.

RATHER

I'd prefer _____ a bus.

83. I'd prefer to leave later if you don't mind.

YET

I'd rather _____ if you don't mind.

84. He started to learn French six years ago.

LEARNING

He _____ six years.

85. We haven't seen each other for ten years.

LAST

The _____ each other was ten years ago.

86. I had my last hair cut two months ago.



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SINCE

It's two months _____ my hair cut.

87. Someone broke into our house last night.

HAD

We _____ last night.

88. I want them to dye my hair red at the hairdresser's.

HAVE

I want _____ red at the hairdresser's.

89. I have a great deal of respect for Susie, so I asked her.

WHOM

I asked Susie, _____ a great deal of respect.

90. Naomi is the girl who lent me a ruler during the exam.

WHOSE

Naomi is the girl _____ during the exam.

91. My grandfather is the person I most admire.

LOOK

The person I most _____ my grandfather.



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92. His parents said he was a disappointment to them and they expected his behaviour to improve.

DOWN

His parents said he had _____ and they expected his behaviour to improve.

93. I had my hair cut a month ago.

SINCE

It _____ I had my hair cut.

94. We haven't seen each other for ten years.

LAST

The _____ each other was ten years ago.

95. I'd prefer to leave later if you don't mind.

YET

I'd rather _____ if you don't mind.

96. I'd rather walk than catch a bus.

RATHER

I'd prefer _____ a bus.

97. It is not the government's fault that there is an economic crisis.

BLAME

The government is _____ the economic crisis.



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98. Lucy only started sweating when the race had finished.

INTO

Lucy _____ sweat until after the race had finished.

99. I've had enough of your rudeness.

PUT

I am not going _____ your rudeness anymore.

100. I just can't wait to go on holiday.

LOOKING

I _____ on holiday!

101. They'll probably employ him for two months in the summer.

LIKELY

They _____ on for two months in the summer.

102. I think he's on the point of starting his own company.

SET

I think he's about _____ his own company.

103. Their relationship seems very good.

GET



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It looks as _____ very well with each other.

104. Have you thought of a name for your dog yet?

COME

Have you _____ a name for your dog yet?

105. Sue and Alan ended their relationship a long time ago.

SPLIT

Sue and Alan _____ each other a long time ago.

106. Maria is shorter than her brother.

NOT

Maria is _____ her brother.

107. These sunglasses cost a bit less than my last pair.

WERE

These sunglasses _____ than my last pair.

108. Coco Chanel was an extremely talented designer.

MOST

Coco Chanel was one of _____ in the world.

109. I preferred you with curlier hair.



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STRAIGHT

I preferred your hair when it wasn't _____ is now.

110. This shoe shop is the cheapest one I've found.

EXPENSIVE

This shoe shop is _____ all the ones I've found.

111. Suzanne's host at the dinner party wasn't as elegantly dressed as she was.

MORE

At the dinner party, Suzanne was far _____ her host.

112. It takes much less time to travel by train than by car.

LOT

Travelling by train _____ travelling by car.

113. Harry wears smarter clothes now he has a girlfriend.

LESS

Harry dressed _____ he didn't have a girlfriend.

114. That model is only 17 - I thought she was older.

AS

That model is not _____ I thought.



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115. 'A club has just opened in Leeds', said Maria to Sally.

TOLD

Maria _____ club in Leeds.

116. I returned the dress to the shop because it was badly made.

TOOK

Because the dress was badly made, I _____
to the shop.

117. Some shops try really hard to help you.

EFFORT

Some shops really _____ to help you.

118. Fifty years ago, cars were slower than they are nowadays.

AS

Fifty years ago, cars _____ they are nowadays.

119. It's a lot easier to learn a language by visiting the country where it's spoken.

MUCH

You can learn a language _____ you visit the country
where it's spoken.

120. For me, Stella is doing a lot more interesting work than other designers today.

FAR



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For me, Stella is by _____ designer working today.

121. The travel agent said, 'All passengers for Marseilles must change trains in Paris.'

TO

The travel agent said that all passengers for Marseilles _____ trains in Paris.

122. Smoking in the hotel restaurant is not allowed.

FORBIDDEN

It _____ in the hotel restaurant.

123. I wasn't allowed to go on holiday in June last year.

LET

My boss _____ on holiday in June last year.

124. This is a "no swimming" area.

PERMITTED

You _____ in this area.

125. It's a good idea to have health insurance when you go on holiday.

GET

You _____ before you go on holiday.



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126. It's not necessary for men to wear a jacket and tie to enter the restaurant.

HAVE

Men _____ a jacket and tie to enter the restaurant.

127. It's not necessary to wear heavy clothing in the summer months.

NEED

You _____ on heavy clothing in the summer months.

128. You must telephone the hotel and book in advance if you want to be sure of a room.

GOT

You _____ up the hotel and book in advance if you want to be sure of a room.

129. According to the brochure, the zoo was 'a perfect place to spend the day'.

AS

The zoo was _____ 'a perfect place to spend the day'.

130. In my house, we store our bikes in the garage.

STORAGE

In my house, we _____ for our bikes.

131. Sue taught small children in a school in Sydney before returning to the UK.

WORKING



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Sue _____ of small children in a school in Sydney before returning to the UK.

132. My friend, whose name is Edmund, is usually called Fuz at college.

KNOWN

My friend Edmund _____ Fuz at college.

133. They heard what they thought was a dog barking.

SOUNDED

They heard _____ a dog barking.

134. My uncle would call my dog “the wolf” when he used to visit.

REFER

My uncle would _____ ‘the wolf’ when he used to visit.

135. For me, Stella is doing a lot more interesting work than other designers today.

FAR

For me, Stella is by _____ designer working today.

136. Andrea said she would only go dancing if her husband bought her a new outfit.

UNLESS

Andrea said she _____ her husband bought her a new outfit.



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137. I have never seen such a terrible film before.

WORST

This is the _____ seen.

138. I'm sorry I didn't meet you at the airport – my car wasn't working.

MET

I _____ at the airport if my car had been working.

139. The party is 'evening dress' only.

ALLOWED

You _____ dress casually for this party.

140. I'm not as frightened of flying as I am of ghosts!

THAN

I'm _____ I am of flying.

141. It was a mistake for me to buy you that computer game.

BOUGHT

I _____ that computer game.

142. The play started before we could get there.

HAD



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The play _____ when we got there.

143. I need to wear glasses to drive.

SEE

I can't _____ my glasses.

144. The newspapers said that Pete had pushed the other player.

ACCUSED

The newspapers _____ the other player.

145. The pitch isn't dry enough to play on.

TOO

The pitch _____ play on.

146. It wasn't easy for me to learn how to paraglide.

DIFFICULTY

I _____ how to paraglide.

147. 'I wouldn't go diving by yourself, if I were you', the instructor said.

ADVISED

The instructor _____ diving by myself.

148. I prefer to go on a walking holiday than lie on a crowded beach.



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RATHER

I _____ walking holiday than lie on a crowded beach.

149. Inventors don't like people copying their ideas.

OBJECT

Inventors _____ being copied.

150. Why were the students mixing up those chemicals in the lab yesterday?

BEING

Why _____ up in the lab yesterday?

151. They made her hand over her notebooks.

WAS

She _____ her notebooks.

152. People say that the local camera shop is very good.

SUPPOSED

The local camera shop _____ very good.

153. My boss told me of his decision yesterday.

INFORMED

I _____ decision yesterday.



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154. 'You put that frog on my chair, didn't you, Charlie?' said Sally.

OF

Sally _____ a frog on her chair.

155. 'Stop misbehaving or you'll be sent to the head for punishment', the teacher said to Jonny.

WARNED

The teacher _____ or he would be sent to the head for punishment.

156. 'Please try to stay awake during the lesson', the teacher told them.

URGED

The teacher _____ asleep during the lesson.

157. Susan denied wasting her time at school when she was younger.

NOT

Susan said _____ her time at school when she was younger.

158. 'Have you tidied up in the science lab?' the chemistry teacher asked them.

TIDIED

The chemistry teacher wanted to know _____ in the science lab.

159. 'I'm sorry, I've forgotten my homework', Nicholas said.



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APOLOGISED

Nicholas _____ his homework.

160. The weather was too cold for us to go out.

SUCH

It was _____ didn't go out.

161. I'm sorry there's not enough time to explain.

TOO

I'm sorry there's _____ you an explanation.

162. Why not turn professional, as you are such a good swimmer?

SO

You swim _____ turn professional.

163. Barry really knows how to get other people involved.

VERY

Barry _____ other people involved.

164. I make all my clothes by hand, so it's very time-consuming.

SUCH

It _____ time because my clothes are all hand-made.



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165. Provided this is the case, your money will be refunded.

SO

If _____ will be given.

166. I regret not taking the park ranger's advice.

TAKEN

I _____ the park ranger's advice.

167. I think it's better for the children to stay inside in bad weather.

RATHER

I _____ inside in bad weather.

168. What a pity we didn't see any wildlife on our trip.

ONLY

If _____ wildlife on our trip.

169. I don't like living in an earthquake zone.

WISH

I _____ somewhere else.

170. Don't walk so fast, I can't keep up with you!

WISH

I _____ walk so fast, I can't keep up with you!



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171. I'd prefer you not to repeat what I've just told you.

RATHER

I _____ repeat what I've just told you.

172. Last year the prices in this shop were lower.

CHEAP

This year the prices in this shop are _____ last year.

173. I think this exercise is easy.

DIFFICULT

This exercise is _____ I thought.

174. Ben won the race but George came second.

FAST

George was _____ Ben.

175. Unless you leave now, you'll miss the train.

IF

You'll miss the train _____ now.

176. If I'd know about the music competition, I'd have requested an audition.

IMPOSSIBLE



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It was _____ an audition, as I didn't know about the music competition.

177. Give me your address, as I might visit Barcelona.

CASE

Give me your address _____ visit Barcelona.

178. I always watch the late-night news on TV.

NEVER

I _____ the late-night news on TV.

179. George didn't get much sleep last night as usual.

HARDLY

Last night, George _____ as usual.

180. Her parents were travelling in the desert so they couldn't follow the news.

KEEP

Her parents were travelling in the desert so they weren't _____ the news.

181. The teen superstar still seems thrilled with her celebrity status.

ENJOY

The teen superstar still seems to _____ a celebrity.



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182. Wildlife above the Arctic Circle is endangered because of global warming.

IN

Wildlife above the Arctic Circle is _____ to global warming.

183. I'm not sure, but I think a friend of mine did that voice-over for chewing gum.

MIGHT

That voice-over for chewing gum _____ a friend of mine, but I'm not sure.

184. Adam can't wait to go snowboarding next week.

FORWARD

Adam's really _____ snowboarding next week.

185. What is your uncle's job?

FOR

What _____ a living?

186. Before we start to plan the film shoot, we must agree the budget.

DOWN

Before we get _____ the film shoot, we must agree the budget.

187. I'm sure Rafael Nadal earned a lot for that car advert.

BEEN



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Rafael Nadal _____ a lot for that car advert.

188. Their last commercial failed to convince viewers about the brand.

MESSAGE

Their last commercial didn't succeed _____ across to viewers about the brand.

189. The candidate couldn't register for the election because he missed the deadline.

ABLE

If the candidate hadn't missed the deadline, he _____ register for the election.

190. I was really impressed by the images in the advert.

MADE

The images in the advert really _____ me.

191. You really should try to stop smoking.

HIGH

It's _____ smoking.

192. What do you think I should do?

ADVISE

What _____ do?



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193. He advised me to do some weight training.

WERE

'If _____ do some weight training" he said.

194. 'Why don't we go for a walk next weekend?' Anna said.

SUGGESTED

Anna _____ for a walk the following weekend.

195. Your teeth need checking regularly.

HAVE

You ought _____ regularly.

196. I would strongly advise you to get your blood pressure checked.

TIME

It's _____ blood pressure checked.

197. It's not a good idea to sit in the sun for too long.

BETTER

You _____ in the sun for too long.

198. How can you stand these tasteless jokes?

PUT

How can you _____ these tasteless jokes?



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199. I prefer to see live comedy instead of watching TV recordings of it.

THAN

I would _____ watch TV recordings of it.

200. The flight attendant told us to shut down our computers in preparation for landing.

OFF

We were told by the flight attendant to _____ the plane was preparing to land.

201. The customs officer demanded to know what was in his suitcase.

INSISTED

The customs officer _____ of his suitcase.

202. His boss told him he was fired and ordered him to leave immediately.

GOT

His boss told him he _____ and said he should leave immediately.

203. I'd prefer to get going now, before it gets dark.

RATHER

I _____ until it gets dark, so I'll get going now.

204. He's too short to be a good goalkeeper.



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ENOUGH

He's _____ a good goalkeeper.

205. I couldn't concentrate because it was too noisy.

TOO

I couldn't concentrate because _____ noise.

206. They made him eat alone in the kitchen.

MADE

He _____ his own in the kitchen.

207. The problem is being dealt with at this very moment.

SORTED

The problem _____ at this very moment.

208. The witness had invented the whole story.

MADE

The whole story had _____ the witness.

209. People say swimming is good exercise for your back.

SAID

Swimming _____ good exercise for your back.



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210. I haven't spoken to her since she had her baby.

LAST

The _____ her was before she had her baby.

211. I haven't eaten Greek food before.

TIME

This is the _____ Greek food.

212. My nephew began to play tennis in 2010.

SINCE

My nephew _____ 2010.

213. He hasn't seen his sister for many years.

AGES

It's _____ his sister.

214. The last time I went swimming was three months ago.

FOR

I _____ three months.

215. I've never seen a supermarket as big as this before.

EVER

This is the _____ seen.



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216. They have postponed the concert until September.

PUT

The concert _____ until September.

217. We'll play badminton later unless it's windy.

LONG

We'll play badminton later _____ any wind.

218. Simon missed the early train because he overslept

NOT

If Simon had _____ caught the early train.

219. We've had some heavy rain recently.

RAINING

It _____ recently.

220. Christina and Fiona both had a good time.

SO

Christina enjoyed _____ Fiona.

221. You need to spend longer on your homework.

MORE



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You need to put _____ your homework.

222. I'm not sure exactly how deep the harbour is.

EXACT

I'm not sure _____ of the harbour.

223. We could not choose where we sat in the classroom.

HAD

We _____ we sat in the classroom.

224. Although the bus arrived late, we managed to get there on time.

DESPITE

We managed to get there on time, _____ of the bus.

225. She gave me very little help with the homework.

NOT

She did _____ help with the homework.

226. 'Don't swim too far out', she warned him.

WARNED

She _____ swim too far out.

227. 'Did you buy a bandage, Tom?' asked Graham.



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HAD

Graham asked Tom _____ a bandage.