

UNIT 31 transforming simple sentences

Transforming sentences involve rearranging the order of facts given to you to form a coherent sentence. Usually, a word or two would have been given to help you begin your answer. At times, you may need to change the tenses of the sentences.

Example A

They pulled at the rope with all their might but did not manage to win the tug-of-war.

Answer

No matter how hard they pulled at the rope, they did not manage to win the tug-of-war.

NOTE:

'No matter how hard' are the words given in the answer. Since the phrase already means 'all their strength', 'all their might' is thus excluded from the answer. 'but' is also excluded as it is not longer needed. Here, there is minimal rearrangement of facts.

Example B

We have a surprise for you later in the afternoon.

Answer

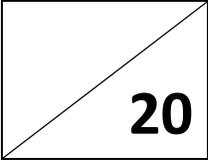
You will get a surprise from us later in the afternoon.

NOTE:

Here is an example where the subjects mentioned in the given sentence have switched places. 'You' is mentioned first ('you will get' are words given in the answer). 'We' is changed to 'us' in the answer.

EXERCISE

For each question, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).



1. He played with fire and got burnt.

He got _____

2. Gina lifted the heavy brick and let it fall with a thud.

With a thud _____

3. Jackson lost his wallet on his way to lunch.

Enroute _____

4. Clean off the grease and the stove will look as good as new.

Provided _____

*5. I love Fluffy more than anything else in the world

Fluffy _____

6. We'll let him in on the secret if he agrees to join our club.

Supposing _____

7. The huts along the river banks were washed away by the flood waters

The flood waters _____

8. The ducks flew off when they heard the gunshot.

At the sound _____

9. My parents bought me a book, a teddy bear and a huge cake for my birthday

Besides _____

*10. One should exercise caution to avoid trouble.

Trouble _____
