

UNIT 32 transforming positive to negative, negative to positive

Transforming a sentence from positive to negative or from negative to positive requires you to rephrase the sentence. Sometimes, you have to put the end of the sentence at the beginning and the beginning at the end.

Example A

You will perfect your skills if you practise diligently every day.

Answer

You will not perfect your skills if you do not practise diligently every day.

NOTE:

'You will not perfect' are the words given in the answer. As you are changing the sentence from a positive aspect to a negative, the use of 'not' is important. 'You will not perfect' is followed by 'do not practise'.

Example B

He would have seen her if she had been standing in front of the tree.

Answer

As she was not standing in front of the tree, he did not see her.

NOTE:

'As she was not standing' are the words given in the answer. This example requires you to include 'not' in your answer and also to rearrange the facts.

Example C

We do not get up early on weekends.

Answer

We get up early on weekdays.

NOTE:

'We get up early' are the words given in the answer. In this example, a form of opposites is required for you to get your answer right. As a week comprises of weekdays and weekends, logically, if one only makes a statement like 'We do not get up early on weekends' it infers one has to get up early on weekdays.

Example D

She went on a diet so that she could be slim.

Answer

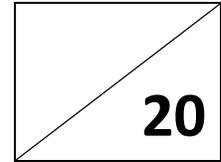
Not wanting to be fat, she went on a diet.

NOTE:

'Not wanting' are the words given in the answer. Here we need a word which is the opposite of slim. 'fat' is one of the possible words. 'plump' would work just as well here.

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. You won't get into her good books by being ungracious.
You will get _____

2. Don't switch on the air conditioner if the room is cool enough.
Switch on _____

3. He did not finish the plate of noodles as it had been badly cooked
He would have finished _____

4. He seldom offers us a greeting.
He often _____

- *5. You will get fired if you are tardy and rude to the boss
You will not _____

6. Victoria won't forgive you unless you apologise to her parents.
Victoria will _____

7. He finishes everything on his plate when I cook for him.
He leaves _____

8. Hector will get his hands on your family's considerable fortune if you let him have his way.
Hector will not _____

9. The sweater looks more comfortable than it actually is
The sweater is _____

- *10. Without his father's help, he would never have made more money than me.
It was only _____
