

UNIT 33 beginning with a phrase (1)

Beginning with a phrase, like Topic 31 on Transforming Sentences, usually requires you to rephrase and rearrange the information given. Sometimes, you may need to join two given sentences also.

Example A

Ian found his front door ajar when he arrived home.

Answer

Upon arriving home, Ian found his front door ajar.

NOTE:

'Upon arriving' are the words given in the answer. The information has been rearranged ('Ian found his front door ajar' has been placed at the back of the sentence). 'When' is excluded from the answer as 'upon arriving' has the same meaning.

Do note that many pupils find this topic challenging. It pays to practise more of such questions.

Example B

Esther barely has time to rest. Esther's work schedule is packed.

Answer

With such a packed schedule, Esther barely has time to rest.

NOTE:

'With such' are the words given in the answer. Here the two given sentences are easily joined. A comma is essential in your answer.

Example C

Don't accuse me of the crime. You have no proof.

Answer

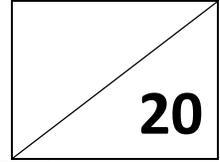
Without proof, you should not accuse me of the crime.

NOTE:

'Without proof' are the words given in the answer. Here, 'should not' replaces 'don't' in the given sentence. This is because in this example, with 'should not', the answer conveys the same meaning as the given sentence.

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. Mr Soon knew his limitations. Therefore he hired experts to help him with his business.
Knowing _____

2. People touched the magic tree to bring themselves luck and good fortune.
Luck and good fortune _____

3. Mr Siva turned to the class and grinned cheekily as he pulled the giant rubber spider down from the wall.
Turning to the class _____

4. Refreshments will be served at the foyer when the seminar ends.
Following _____

- *5. We can't reach a quick decision as there are too many factors to consider in this matter.
Reaching _____

6. Ivy was hurt by Roy's thoughtless words.
As a result of _____

7. The firm will most certainly go belly up if funds cannot be raised to repay the debts incurred.
Unless _____

8. Carrie bought books and clothes at the sale. She also bought shoes.
In addition to _____

9. Nigel spoke to our new classmate first. Nigel is sociable.
Being _____

- *10. Shawn's refusal to divulge the reason for his rash action was brought on by his acute embarrassment.
His acute embarrassment _____
