

UNIT 39 transforming complex spoken sentences (1)

Transforming complex spoken sentences is similar to Topic 35 on Transforming Spoken Sentences. One major difference is complex sentences are usually longer. Again, it is most important to take note of all the tenses and the pronouns. Complex spoken sentences may include questions and words indicating time frame.

As some pupils find transforming complex spoken sentences challenging, it pays to practise more of such questions.

Example A

"Mother told me to tell you that Aunt Lucy wants you to go to her house this Saturday," Serene told Samuel.

Answer

Serene told Samuel that Mother had told her to tell him that Aunt Lucy wanted him to go to her house that Saturday.

NOTE:

'Serene told Samuel' are words given in the answer. The pronoun 'you' has been replaced by 'him' in the answer. 'told me' is replaced by 'had told her' and 'wants you' has been replaced by 'wanted him'. 'this Saturday', which indicates the time frame is replaced by 'that Saturday'.

Example B

"I have to stand up to Terence the bully or I will lose respect for myself!" Kenneth told Cindy.

Answer

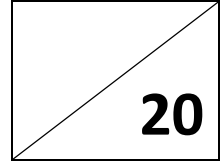
Kenneth told Cindy that he had to stand up to Terence the bully or he would lose respect for himself.

NOTE:

'Kenneth told Cindy' are words given in the answer. 'I' in the given sentence is changed to 'he' and 'myself' is replaced by 'himself'. 'have to stand up to' is replaced by 'had to stand up to' and 'will lose' is replaced by 'would lose'.

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. "Do you want to see me now or later when I get back from lunch?" Minka asked Stephen.
Minka asked Stephen _____

2. "I'm sure Renee will be willing to help you if you ask her politely," Miss Teo told Ralph.
Miss Teo told Ralph _____

3. "My new neighbours are friendly but their dog makes a ruckus every night with its barking."
Nigel told me.
Nigel told me _____

4. "Mother does not want to be disturbed as she is speaking on the phone," Father told us.
Father told us _____

- *5. "Dee, please explain the matter to the staff today because I don't want this situation to worsen next week," Mr Chang instructed Dee.
Mr Chang instructed Dee _____

6. "You will make a wish, blow the candles out and then cut the cake," Mother told little Ricky.
Mother told little Ricky _____

7. "Tea will be ready as soon as the cookies are baked and the water is boiled," Keane announced.
Keane announced _____

8. "I have learnt my lesson and I will never break my promises again," Caleb told his parents.
Caleb told his parents _____

9. "How can you have forgotten the code I told you just five minutes ago?" Elvis asked Lyra.
Elvis asked Lyra _____
