

FCE Use of English part 3: Key Word Transformation

WORKSHEET 1

TASK 1

All the answers to questions 1 – 7 below are grammatically correct. However, they would not get full marks in the exam because of other kinds of mistakes. Read the exam instructions and the example (0) below, then correct the mistakes in the answers to questions 1 – 7.

For questions 1- 7, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. **Do not change the word given.** You must use between two and five words, including the word given. There is an example at the beginning (0).

- 0 My brother is too young to get married.
not
My brother ~~is not old enough to~~ get married.
1. I don't object to people smoking in public.
objection
I ~~haven't got any objection to~~ people smoking in public.
2. Johann speaks English much better than Valentina.
well
Valentina doesn't ~~speak English as fluently as~~ Johann.
3. Maria didn't listen to her teacher's advice.
pay pay the attention to
Maria didn't ~~pay any attention to~~ her teacher's advice.
4. I got the impression that they weren't having a very good time.
seem
They ~~seemed like they weren't~~ having a very good time.
5. Susan was too excited to sleep.
so
Susan was ~~so excited that she could~~ not sleep.
6. I haven't received an invite from Karen yet.
still
Karen ~~still hasn't sent~~ an invite.
7. How long was the flight from London to Paris?
take
How long ~~will it take to~~ fly from London to Paris?

TASK 2

Imagine you are talking to the student who answered the questions above. Which advice below would you give for each of the questions? Write the question numbers in the gaps.

Advice	No.
a) Make sure you use the key word in your answer!	...2...
b) Don't change the key word. If the key word is 'go', you cannot change it to 'goes'.
c) Don't use more than 5 words in your answer including the key word. Contracted words are counted (She's = 2 words).
d) You should only give one answer. If you give two answers, they both have to be correct. If one is wrong, you won't get any marks.
e) Watch out for spelling mistakes. You should not misspell words which are in the first sentence.
f) Make sure your answer is as similar as possible to the first sentence. A common mistake is to write the answer in a different tense to the first sentence.
g) Don't miss out information from the first sentence.

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TASK 3

Now find the mistakes in the answers to questions 8 – 14 and match them to the advice below.

8. Jon stopped smoking over ten years ago.
for (didn't smoke for) ??
Jon hasn't smoked for over ten years.
9. Casablanca is the best movie I've ever seen.
better
I've never seen a movie which is better than Casablanca.
10. Ivana's uncle is teaching her German.
taught
Ivana is being taught by her uncle.
11. Thomas said that he would rather watch sport than play it.
preferred
Thomas said that he preferred watching sport to playing it.
12. Maxine was too busy to help me.
that
Maxine was so busy she could not help me.
13. People say that Spain is a beautiful country.
supposed
Spain is supposedly a beautiful country.
14. It's too cold for a picnic today.
if
We could go for a picnic if it wasn't cold today.

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