

Transformations English EO1

Past simple (AGO)	Present Perfect (FOR)
She started to learn English 4 years ago .	She has learned English for 4 years. She has been learning English for 4 years.
Past Simple (LAST / AGO)	Present Perfect (FOR)
The last time I visited London was a long time ago .	I haven't visited London for a long time.
I last visited London a long time ago .	
The last time I went on holiday was three years ago .	I haven't been on holiday for three years.
(*) It has been three years since I went on holiday.	
Present Perfect (It's the first time + ever)	Present Perfect (never / before)
It's the first time I have ever been to Ireland.	I have never been to Ireland before .
Used to + verb	Past simple
I used to go to the old gym every month.	I went to the old gym every month.
Synonyms	
Will you have to take again any papers that you fail?	Will you have to re-sit any papers that you fail?
Can (ability) + verb	Know how to + verb
I can cook	I know how to cook
She can speak French.	She knows how to speak French.
We can't build a house.	We don't know how to build a house.
Can we design a webpage?	Do we know how to design a webpage?
Negative + Anything, anyone (anybody), anywhere,	Affirmative + Nothing, no one (nobody), nowhere
It doesn't cost anything to open a Google classroom account.	It costs nothing to open a Google classroom account.

Conditional	
I can't go camping because I haven't got a tent. (*if)	If I had a tent, I could go camping.
Relative clauses	
My grandmother was a doctor. She was born in 1930. (*who)	My grandmother was a doctor who was born in 1930.
Verb Patterns (ing? To?)	
I told Mike that he should get an early night. (*advise).	I advise Mike to get an early night.
Get/Have something done	
I'm going to <u>get</u> the shoemaker to mend my shoes	I'm going to have/get <u>my shoes</u> mended (by the shoemaker).
Linking words	
<i>Despite</i> + noun / v. ing	<i>In spite of</i> + noun / v. ing
I love him despite <u>his faults</u> .	I love him in spite of his faults.
Despite <u>being</u> sick, she will work.	In spite of <u>being</u> sick, she will work.
<i>Despite / In spite of</i> + v. ing	<i>Although</i> + subject + verb + adjective
Despite <u>being</u> rich, he is not happy.	Although <u>he is rich</u> , he is not happy.
	<i>Although</i> + adjective
	Although <u>rich</u> , he is not happy.

Past simple vs. Present Perfect

1. Tom **moved** to Coruña 5 years ago.

Tom _____ in Coruña for 5 years. (live)

2. Sarah **started** to speak French 2 weeks ago.

Sarah _____ French for 2 weeks. (speak)

3. Lisa **came** to Spain 1 year ago.

Lisa _____ in Spain for 1 year. (live)

4. The last time Robert visited Madrid was a long time ago.

Robert _____ Madrid for a long time. (visit)

5. The last time Lauren went to the cinema was a long time ago.

Lauren _____ to the cinema for a long time. (be)

6. The last time Simon bought a house was a long time ago.

Simon _____ a house for a long time. (buy)

7. The last time I went to the theatre was three weeks ago.

I _____ to the theatre for three weeks. (be)

8. The last time Alice went fishing was two years ago.

Alice _____ fishing for two years. (be)

9. The last time Angela had a piece of carrot cake was six years ago.

Angela _____ a piece of carrot cake for six years. (have)

Used to vs. Past Simple

10. Rowan **used to** drive a Ferrari every Sunday morning.

Rowan _____ a Ferrari every Sunday morning.

11. Martin **used to** meet his friends on Saturdays.

Martin _____ his friends on Saturdays.

12. Ash **used to** travel to Italy every weekend.

Ash _____ to Italy every weekend.

Present Perfect (ever vs. never)

13. **It is the first time** Emma has **ever** eaten a prawn.

Emma _____ a prawn before.

14. **It is the first time** Tom has **ever** played football.

Tom _____ football before.

15. It is the first time George and Martin have **ever** gone running.

George and Martin _____ running before.

16. Phil has **never** visited his great uncle.

It is the first time Phil _____ his uncle.

Synonyms

17. I **quite fancy** going to the street market.

I _____ going to the street market.

Can do vs. Know how to do

18. I **can't** repair my car.

I _____ to repair my car.

22. Elsa **knows how to** do origami.

Elsa _____ do origami.

Anything vs. nothing

19. I don't have **anything** in my pocket.

I _____ in my pocket.

20. He did not hear **anything** in the darkness.

He _____ in the darkness

21. You did not say **anything** about my smartphone.

You _____ about my smartphone.

22. She did not share **any** pictures about her trip.

She _____ pictures about her trip.

Have something done

23. She wanted to **get** a dressmaker to alter her dress.

She wanted to _____.

24. We were thinking of **getting** the gardener to cut the grass.

We were thinking of _____.

25. You really must **get** someone to test your eyes.

You really must _____.

26. I'd really like to **get** someone to repaint my car, but I can't afford it.

I'd like _____, but I can't afford it.

Although vs Despite / In spite of

27. **Although** he is very old, he is strong.

_____ very old, he is strong. (despite / in spite of)

28. **In spite of** searching high and low, Tom couldn't find his wallet.

_____ high and low, Tom couldn't find his wallet.

29. He remained poor **despite** being a hard worker.

_____, he remained poor. (in spite of)

_____, he remained poor. (although)

30. We took a walk **despite** the rain.

We took a walk _____. (in spite of)

We took a walk _____. (although)

31. It backfired on me **despite** my good intentions.

It backfired on me _____ my good intentions. (in spite of)

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Ash **travelled / traveled** to Italy every weekend.

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I'd like **to have my car repainted**, but I can't afford it.

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In spite of being very old, he is strong.

(*) In spite of the fact that he is very old, he is strong.

28. In spite of searching high and low, Tom couldn't find his wallet.

Despite searching high and low, Tom couldn't find his wallet.

(*) Despite having searched

(*) Despite the fact that he (had) searched

29. He remained poor despite being a hard worker.

Although he worked hard, he remained poor

(*) **Although a hard worker,**

(*) **Although he was a hard worker,**

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We took a walk **in spite of the rain.** (in spite of)

We took a walk **although it was raining.** (although)

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It backfired on me **in spite of** my good intentions.

(*) **Although my intentions were good,** it backfired on me.