

SENTENCE TRANSFORMATION

1. The fox was unsuccessful in reaching the grapes. (VAIN)
→ The fox tried in vain to reach the grapes.
2. The crops were badly affected by the storm. (EFFECT)
→ The storm had a badly effect on the crops.
3. The project received unanimous approval of the committee. (FAVOUR)
→ The whole committee was/were in favour of the project.
4. The personnel officer promised him that she wouldn't tell any one that he had been in the prison. (WORD)
→ The personnel officer gave him her word that she...
5. Nobody could possibly believe the story he told us. (BEYOND)
→ The story he told us was beyond belief
6. I had lost his phone number, so I could not contact him before. (TOUCH)
→ I could not keep/get in touch with him because I had lost his phone number.
7. I enjoy being the boss of a small company. (FISH)
→ I enjoy being a big fish in a small pond.
8. The success of our local theater has made our city famous. (MAP)
→ The success of our local theater has put our city on the map.
9. She is not upset; she is only pretending. (ACT)
→ She is not upset; she is only putting on an act.
10. The bank robbers escaped in a stolen car. (GETAWAY)
→ The bank robbers made a getaway in a stolen car.
11. As people use a lot of wood-pulp, many trees are cut down.
→ *The more* wood-pulp is used, the more trees are cut down
12. Because of the absence of the atmosphere on the moon, the sky there is black, just as in space.
→ *Because* there is no atmosphere on the moon, the sky...
13. These young men became doctors after six years training.
→ *After these young men* had been trained for six years, they became doctors
14. People believe that the Chinese invented paper in 105 A.D.
→ *Paper* is believed to have been invented by the Chinese in 105 A.D.
15. A man I don't know told me about that.
→ *I was* told about that by a man I don't know.
16. That was a silly thing to say!
→ *What a silly* thing to say!
17. We've run out of petrol.
→ *There is* no more petrol left.
18. It takes six hours to drive from here to London.

19. He was sorry he hadn't said goodbye to her at the airport.
→ *He regretted* not saying goodbye to her at the airport.
20. They failed to find out a solution to the problem.
→ *They didn't succeed* in finding out a ...
21. Most stores will accept a credit card instead of cash. (ALTERNATIVE)
→ Most stores will accept a credit card as an alternative to cash.
22. You can avoid tooth decay by brushing your teeth regularly. (PREVENT)
→ Brushing your teeth regularly can prevent tooth decay.
23. Some of Peter's expressions make me think of my brother. (REMIND)
→ Some of Peter's expressions remind me of my brother.
24. When do you think this bridge was built? (OLD)
→ How old do you think this bridge is?
25. That old typewriter is not worth repairing. (POINTLESS)
→ Repairing that old typewriter is pointless.
26. They share a lot of hobbies and interests. (COMMON)
→ They have a lot of hobbies and interest in common.
27. This train should have left 30 minutes ago. (MEANT)
→ This train was meant to leave 30 minutes ago.
28. The president arranged for me to use his chauffeur-driven car whenever I liked. (DISPOSAL)
→ The president placed/put his chauffeur-driven car at my disposal.
29. The painting is worth \$25,000. (VALUED)
→ The painting has been valued at \$25,000.
30. This passport can be used in most countries.
→ This passport can be valid for most countries.
31. My bank manager and I get on together very well. (TERMS)
→ I am on very good terms with my bank manager.
32. That hotel is a bit too expensive for us, I am afraid. (REACH)
→ That hotel is a bit beyond our reach, I am afraid.
33. Absolute secrecy was crucial to the success of the mission.
→ *Without* absolute secrecy, the mission wouldn't have succeeded.
34. Immediately after his arrival home a water-heater exploded.
→ *Hardly* had he arrived home when a water-heater exploded.
35. Rita doesn't realize how serious her husband's operation is going to be.
→ *Little* does Rita realize how ...
36. A waiter spilled soup over Lydia's new dress last night.
→ *Lydia* had some soup spilled over her new dress by a waiter last night.
37. It was the goalkeeper that saved the match for us.
→ *Had* it not been for the goalkeeper, we would have lost the match.

38. Tim insisted on being told the complete story.
→*Nothing* but the complete story would satisfy Tim.

39. Jane's husband will be returning from South America quite soon.
→*It won't* be long after Jane's husband returns from S.A.

40. The permit expires at the end of this month.
→*The permit is not* valid after the end of this month.

41. I don't really like her, even though I admire her achievements.
→*Much as* I admire her achievement, I don't really like her.

42. Alice and Charles did not decide to move to a bigger house until after the birth of their second child.
→*Only* when A. and C. had their second child did they decide to move to a bigger house.

43. Martin may not be very well but she still manages to enjoy life.
→*Martin's poor* health doesn't prevent/stop him from enjoying life.

44. The Pacific Ocean is on average deeper than the Atlantic.
→*The average* depth of the Pacific Ocean is greater than that of the Atlantic.

45. Under no circumstances should you phone the police.
→*The last* thing you should do is to phone the police.

46. We couldn't find George anywhere.
→*George was* nowhere to be found.

47. Provided your handwriting is legible, the examiners will accept your paper.
→*So long as* the examiners can read your handwriting, they will accept your paper.

48. There are a lot of people depend on him.
→*He has* a lot of dependants.

49. I daren't turn on the television because the baby might wake up. (FEAR)
→*I daren't* turn on the television for fear of waking the baby up.

50. The teachers agreed to introduce the new methods. (AGREEMENT)
→*There was* an agreement among the teachers to introduce the new methods.

51. If interest rates are cut, the economic situation may improve.
(REDUCTION)
→*A reduction in/of* interest rates may improve the economic situation.

52. I don't personally care if they come or not. (MATTER)
→*It doesn't* matter to me whether they come or not.

53. Local residents said they were against the new traffic scheme.
(DISAPPROVAL)
→*Local residents* expressed their disapproval of the new traffic scheme.

54. Why isn't this TV working?

55. →*What is* wrong with this TV?
55. May I borrow your pen?
→*Would* you lend me your pen?

56. We must do something about the problem even if it costs a lot.
→*Costly as/though* it may be, we must do something about the problem.

57. We should ban the use of pesticides, but we should also restrict the use of other chemicals.
→*In addition to* banning the use of pesticides, we should also restrict the use of other chemicals.

58. You might fall if you are not careful.
→*Be* careful or you will fall.

59. Immediately after his arrival, things went wrong.
→*No sooner* had he arrived than things went wrong.

60. Although Nam was the stronger of the two, his attacker soon overpowered him.
→*Despite* his being the stronger of the two, Nam was soon overpowered by his attacker.

61. The only reason the party was a success was that a famous film star attended.
→*Had it not been* for the attendance of a famous film star, the party wouldn't have been a success.

62. Galileo is considered to be the father of modern astronomy.
→*Galileo is regarded* as the father of modern astronomy.

63. The only way you can become a good athlete is to train hard every day.
→*Only by* training hard every day can you become a good athlete.

64. He speaks more persuasively than his brother.
→*He is* a more persuasive speaker than his brother.

65. He can hardly read at all. (VIRTUALLY)
→*He is* virtually unable to read.

66. He can speak French well enough to go to the conference. (FLUENT)
→*His French* is fluent enough to go to the conference.

67. His arrival was completely unexpected. (TOOK)
→*His arrival* took us completely by surprise.

68. The first sign of the disease is a feeling of faintness. (ONSET)
→*The onset* of the disease is a feeling is shown by a feeling of faintness.

69. He began by giving us a summary of his progress so far. (OUTSET)
→*At the outset*, he gave us a summary of his progress so far.

70. As an antidote to their disappointment, he bought them ice-cream.
(OFFSET)
→*To offset* their disappointment, he bought them ice-cream.

71. It was Walter Raleigh who introduced potatoes and tobaccos into England.
 →*The English* owe the introduction of potatoes and tobaccos to W. R.

72. That rumour about the politician and the construction contract is absolutely false.
 →*There is* absolutely no truth in that rumour about the politician and the construction contract.

73. He was sentenced to six months in prison for his part in the robbery.
 →*He received* a six month sentence for his part in the robbery.

74. You can eat as much as you like for \$5 at the new lunch-bar.
 →*There is* no limit/restriction on how much/what you eat for \$5 at the new lunch-bar.

75. The Yeti has very rarely been seen at this altitude.
 →*There have been* very few sightings of the Yeti at this altitude.

76. You think that fat people are allays jolly, but you are wrong.
 →*Contrary* to what you think, fat people aren't always jolly.

77. The only thing that kept us out of prison was the way he spoke to the local dialect.
 →*But for* his command of the local dialect, we could have been jailed.

78. The council rarely allows appeals against its decisions.
 →Hardly does the council allow appeals against its decisions.

79. She is a student good at mathematics. (FIGURES)
 →She is a student having a head for figures.

80. I think we ought to permit him to do whatever he chooses. (HAND)
 →I think we should give him a free hand.

81. Margaret was offered a place on the course but couldn't accept because she was ill. (TURN)
 →Margaret was offered a place on the course but had to turn down because ...

82. You'll just have to take a chance. (POT)
 →You'll just have to take pot luck. (Take pot luck: ăn thử)

83. Assembling the furniture is extremely easy. (PLAY)
 →Assembling the furniture is a child's play.

84. I resent the way that she clearly feels herself to be superior to me. (NOSE) superior: cáp cao hon
 →I resent the way that she looks down her nose at me.

85. Your attitude will have to change if you want to succeed. (LEAF)
 →You have to turn over a new leaf if you want to succeed.

86. Many species of wildlife are threatened with extinction. (VERGE)
 →Many species of wildlife are on the verge of extinction.

87. The storm blew the roof off the house.

88. →*The house* had its roof blown off by the storm.

89. This is the quickest way to get into the town centre.
 →*There is* no quicker way than this to get into the town centre.

90. Only one person knew what had caused the fire.
 →*The cause* of the fire was known to only one person.

91. I'm not going to retire unless I myself want to. (FEEL)
 → I'm not going to retire unless I feel like it.

92. After two hours the bride had still not arrived. (SIGN)
 →After two hours there was still no sign of the bride.

93. Rosa found the heat quite intolerable. (BEAR)
 →Rosa couldn't bear the heat.

94. You were rude to that woman's husband, and she's upset now.
 →The woman whose husband you were rude to is upset now.

95. Are they likely to pass Proficiency?
 →Is there any likelihood that they pass Proficiency?

96. 6,000 pounds is a better offer than you have ever had before.
 →You have never had an offer better than 6,000 pounds before.

97. Harry paid 50 pounds a week for bed and breakfast.
 →Bed and breakfast cost Harry 50 pounds a week.

98. You can not make use of this offer after 15 December.
 →This offer is only valid until 15 December.

99. Be careful not to waste water. (ECONOMICAL)
 →Be economical with water

100. We haven't sold many cars this month. (DEMAND)
 →There has been little demand for cars this month.

101. The accident victim was having increasing difficulty in breathing. (DIFFICULT)
 →The accident victims were increasingly difficult to breathe.

102. Betty is very happy to look after handicapped people.
 →*Betty is devoted* to looking after handicapped people.

103. The decorators have finished the whole of the first floor.
 →*We have* had the whole of the first floor finished by the decorators.

104. If you want my advice, I would forget about buying a new house.
 →*If I were you*, I would forget about buying a new house.

105. The only way to eliminate world terrorism is by united opposition. Eliminate: chấm dứt
 →*Only by* united opposition can we eliminate world terrorism.

106. Everybody made fun of him because he'd his hair cut so short. (MICKEY)
 →Everybody took the Mickey out of him because he had his hair cut so short.

106. I felt stupid when I realized what I'd done. (FOOL)
 →I felt such a fool when I realized what I'd done.

107. She was very relieved when she realized that her bag hadn't been stolen. (BREATHED)
 →She breathed a sign of relief when she realized ...

108. Would you like to contribute something to our campaign? (MAKE)
 →Would you like to make a contribution to our campaign?

109. Products which seem to lack credibility are not popular. (CALL)
 →There is no call for products which seem to lack credibility.

110. Technical skills are needed to operate this new machinery. (DEMANDS)
 →Operating/ the operation of this new machinery demands technical skills.

111. We have run out of small sizes. (STOCK)
 →We have no small sizes in stock. / We are out of stock of small sizes. / Small sizes are out of stock.

112. In all probability we will finish the project on Thursday. (CHANCES)
 →The chances are that the project will be finished on Thursday.

113. They arrived at their destination alive and kicking. (SOUND) alive and kicking: bình an vô sự
 →They arrived at their destination safe and sound

114. In her previous job, Mara was a picture restorer. (WORK)
 →Mara used to work as a picture restorer.

115. I'm sure you were driving too fast.
 →*You must* have been driving too fast.

116. It was overeating that caused his heart attack.
 →*If he* hadn't overeaten, he wouldn't have had a heart attack.

117. The storm completely wiped out all my crops. (Wipe out: destroy)
 →*I have* had all my crops completely wiped out by the storm.

118. The fire led to the setting up of a public enquiry.
 →*As a* result of the fire, a public enquiry was set up.

119. Vitamin intake and intelligence are not connected.
 →*There* is no connection between vitamin intake and intelligence.

120. He suddenly thought that he might have misunderstood her.
 →*It crossed* his mind that he might have misunderstood her.

121. His wife keeps telling him that he should get a better job.
 →*His wife is pushing* him to get a better job.

122. His second attempt on the world record was successful.
 →*He broke* the work record at/on his second attempt.

123. I applied for the job but was turned down.
 →*My* application for the job was turned down.

124. There are more people out of work in this country than ever before.

→*Never* have there been more people out of work in this country.

125. My boyfriend is very short-tempered.
 →*My boyfriend loses* his temper very easily.

126. Let's clean the dishes in the morning. (WASHING)
 →Let's do the washing-up in the morning.

127. Despite his age, he's still working. (RETIRED)
 →He still has not retired despite his age.

128. Whose name should I write on the cheque? (MAKE)
 →Who should I make out the cheque to?

129. "Please don't drive so fast!" Ann begged her friend.
 →*Ann pleaded* with her friend not to drive so fast.

130. My protests were ignored.
 →*Nobody* took notice of my protests.

131. I'm sure he took your briefcase by mistake.
 →*I am sure he didn't* take your briefcase deliberately.

132. We only despatch goods after receiving the money.
 →Only after the money is received can we despatch goods.

133. You pay 20 pounds a month for a period of one year.
 →You pay in twelve successive monthly instalments of 20 pounds.

134. He'll settle down. Then his performance will improve.
 →Once he settles/ has settled down, his performance will improve.

135. The result of the match was never in doubt.
 →At no time was the result of the match in doubt.

136. This will be the orchestra's first performance outside London.
 →This will be the first time the orchestra has performed/ played outside London.

137. He will not be put off by their comments. (DETER)
 →Their comment won't deter him.

138. She complains far too often for my liking. (FREQUENT)
 →She makes frequent complaint about my liking.

139. Some people accept that a storm is inevitable. (RESIGNED)
 →Some people are resigned to the fact that a storm is inevitable.

140. The fridge is completely empty. (LEFT)
 →There is nothing left in the fridge.

145. Money is of little value on a desert island. (COUNTS)
 →Money counts for little in the island.

146. Can you tell me where the Midland Hotel is? (DIRECT)
 →Can you direct me to the ...

147. The Prime Minister felt it appropriate to make a statement. (FIT)
 →The Prime Minister saw/ thought fit to make a statement.

148. I'd rather we started at seven. (PREFERENCE)

→My preference was for a seven o'clock start.

149. The accident wasn't his fault. (BLAME)

→He wasn't to blame for the accident.

150. Although he seems friendly, he's not to be trusted.

→*Friendly* as he may seem, he's not to be trusted.

151. Not until the body was found did the police believe her.

→*It was only when* the body was found that the police believed her.

152. "Whatever you do, don't give up hope" they said.

→*They urged* me not to give up hope

153. Far more people live to retirement age in Britain than in the Philippines.

→*Not as* many people live to retirement age in Philippines as in Britain.

154. We have no seats left for the concert on December 12th.

→*All the seats* for the concert on December 12th have been booked.

155. The foreigner declared his innocence. (DENIED)

→The foreigner denied knowing anything about it.

156. Everyone but Jane failed to produce the correct answer. (SUCCEEDED)

→Only Jane succeeded in producing the correct answer.

157. An open fire can't be compared to/with central heating.

(COMPARISON)

→There is no comparison between an open fire and central heating.

158. There is no way that young man can achieve success in this test.

(BOUNDED)

→That young man is bound to fail in this test.

159. I was scared to tell him what I really thought. (COURAGE)

→I didn't have enough courage to tell him what I really thought.

160. The Greens consider Henry a good friend. (LOOK)

→The Greens look on Henry as a good friend.

161. Teachers think that hard work is good for you. (HARM)

→Teachers think that work does/causes you no harm.

162. Because of the delay we missed our connecting flight. (MEANT)

→The delay meant that we missed our connecting flight.

163. Don't wait to be asked if you want a sandwich! (HELP)

→Help yourself to a sandwich. (= take some of it)

164. Most people regard Dr. Peters as being the best surgeon in his field.

(WIDELY)

→Dr. Peters is widely regarded as being ...

165. The Prime Minister was determined to remain in office.

→*The Prime Minister had* no intention of resigning office.

166. I don't know the first thing about aeronautics.

→*I am* utterly ignorant of aeronautics.

167. The students' riotous behaviour should have been severely punished.

→*The students deserved* severe punishment for their riotous behaviour.

168. The chances are that the whole thing will have been forgotten by next term.

→*In all* probability/likelihood the whole thing will ...

169. Despite his ungainly air he is remarkably agile.

→*Although* he looks ungainly, he is remarkably agile.

170. The numbers of cars on the roads must be reduced. (DOWN)

→We must cut down on the number of cars on the roads.

171. Interrupting when someone is speaking is rude. (CUT)

→It's rude to cut in when someone is speaking.

172. We have an emergency electricity supply in case we are cut off. (BACK)

→If we are cut off, we can fall back on our emergency electricity supply.

173. We've decided to leave early tomorrow morning. (SET)

→We are going to set off early tomorrow morning.

174. I know you are hiding something from me. (BACK)

→What are you keeping back from me?

175. Come on Thursday or Friday. It's all the same to me. (DIFFERENCE)

→Come on Thursday or Friday. It makes no difference to me .

176. Amanda has improved a lot this term. (PROGRESS)

→Amanda has made great/good progress this term.

177. Gunman kills 3 people in Bank Drama.

→*A man* with a gun kills 3 people in ...

178. The riddle of the missing heiress has been solved.

→*The police* has found the cause of the missing heiress.

179. His appearance was completely unexpected.

→*His appearance was* beyond our expectation.

180. He is by no means a smart boy.

→He is not completely a smart boy.

181. I take it for granted that he is influential person.

→I assume that he is ...

182. He won't let anyone touch his records. (OBJECTS)

→He objects to anyone else touching his records.

183. He didn't think much of the musical show yesterday. (OPINION)

→He had a low opinion of the musical show yesterday.

184. The concert was not as good as he had hoped. (EXPECTATIONS)

→The concert failed to come/live up to his expectations.

185. The music teacher was the only member of staff not to attend the concert. (EXCEPTION)

→With the exception of the music teacher every member of staff attended the concert.

186. The impression most people have of him is that he is a good singer.
(REPUTATION)

→ He has a reputation as a good singer.

187. He is said to be a very good violinist. (COMES)

→ He comes over/across as a very good violinist.

188. We missed the beginning of the concert because we had overslept.

(CONSEQUENCE)

→ We missed the beginning of the concert as a consequence of oversleeping.

189. It is your duty to tell him what to do.

→ You are supposed to tell him what to do.

190. My boss works better when he's pressed for time.

→ *The less* hurried the boss is, the worse he works.

191. It is expected that the company can get more profit this year.

→ *The company* is expected to get more profit this year.

192. I was astonished by her confidence.

→ *What* astonished me was her confidence.

193. Someone told me my flight was cancelled when I got to the airport.

→ *Arriving* at the airport, someone told me my flight was cancelled.

194. I knew I had met him before, but I can't remember his name.

(TONGUE)

→ I knew I had met him before, but his name is on the tip of my tongue.

195. His choice always followed what his wife decided. (STEP)

→ His choice was always in step with his wife's decision/what his wife decided.

196. Remember to write to us! (DROP)

→ Remember to drop us a line/note!

197. Phone and write to him if you can't talk directly to him. (GET)

→ Get in touch with him if you can't talk directly to him.

198. Don't worry. There will be another chance. (KEEP)

→ Keep your end up, there will be another chance.

199. On the day she agreed to marry him, he was happier than he had ever been in his life.

→ The day she agreed to marry him was the happiest he had ever had in his life.

200. Is it really necessary for me to arrive so early?

→ Do I have to arrive so early?

201. Someone has stolen the boss's car.

→ The boss has had his car stolen/ been robbed of his car.

202. Whoever did that must have been a very brave person.

→ Only a very brave person could have done that.

203. The last time we were here was in 1980.

→ We haven't been here since 1980.

204. The fourth time he asked her to marry him, she accepted.

→ Only on his fourth proposal did she accept him.

205. Has she written to you lately? (HEARD)

→ Has you heard from her lately?

206. We must have your answer tonight at the latest. (INSIST)

→ We insist on having your answer tonight at the latest.

207. We've decided to replace those plastic shower curtains with these rubber ones. (SUBSTITUTE)

→ We have decided to substitute those plastic shower curtains for these rubber ones.

208. Somebody has stolen all Miranda's jewellery. (ROBBED)

→ Miranda has been robbed of all her jewelry.

209. Nothing ever frightens him. (AFRAID)

→ He is afraid of nothing.

210. It's not my habit to get up quite so early as this. (USED)

→ I am not used to getting up quite so early like this.

211. Everything went well that morning. (NOTHING)

→ Nothing went wrong that morning.

212. A portion of strawberries and cream costs a lot in the café. (CHARGES)

→ The café charges a lot for a portion ...

213. How likely am I to pass the examination, do you think? (CHANCE)

→ What chance have I of passing the examination, do you think?

214. He had no idea how difficult the exercise would be until he was half way through it.

→ *Only when* he was half way through the exercise did he realize how difficult it was.

215. Further progress was impossible because of the floods.

→ *The floods* made further progress impossible.

216. As he rose to speak, the crowd began cheering.

→ *The cheering* from the crowd began as he rose to speak.

217. We had not expected that we should have so much difficulty in finding the place.

→ *The place* was much more difficult to find than we had expected.

218. Our present financial problems will soon be a thing of the past.

→ *We'll* soon find a solution to/overcome our present financial problems.

219. It's nobody's fault that the meeting was cancelled.

→ *Nobody* is to blame/is responsible for the fact that the meeting was cancelled.

220. The fate of the two climbers is unknown.
 →*It's a mystery* as to what happened to the two climbers.

221. There is no need for us to hurry; the play doesn't start until 8:30. (TIME)
 →We can take our time; the play ...

222. John is very self-confident. (CONFIDENCE)
 →John has a lot of confidence in himself.

223. His holiday is at exactly the same time as mine. (COINCIDES)
 →His holiday time coincides with mine.

224. He is alleged the owner of the valuable picture. (CLAIMED)
 →He is claimed to be the owner of the valuable picture.

225. The way he took everything he did for granted really annoyed her. (BACK)
 →The way he took everything he did for granted really got/put her back up.

226. It was touch and go whether he recovered or not. (BALANCE)
 →It was in the balance whether he recovered or not.

227. Which of the two books would you prefer? (RATHER)
 →Which of the two books would you rather read?

228. These books have been lent by the British Council library. (LOAN)
 →These books have been on loan from the British Council library.

229. I bought a pair of shoes this morning. They cost 40 pounds.
 →*This morning I spent* 40 pounds on a pair of shoes.

230. Mrs. Wilson says she is sorry she didn't attend the meeting yesterday.
 →Mrs. Wilson sends her apologies for not having attended the meeting yesterday.

231. It's almost nine months since I stopped subscribing to that magazine.
 →I cancelled my subscription to that magazine nine months ago.

232. The north west of Britain has more rain each year than the southeast.
 →The annual rainfall in/for the North West of Britain is greater/higher than that in the southeast.

233. When I arrived in Canberra, I wrote a letter home.
 →On arriving in Canberra, I wrote a letter home.

234. What Rachel does in her spare time doesn't concern me. (BUSINESS)
 →It's none of my business what Rachel does in her spare time.

235. The final version of the plan was quite different from the initial draft. (RESEMBLANCE)
 →The final version of the plan bore no/little resemblance to the initial draft.

236. They feel the same way about each other. (MUTUAL)
 →Their feeling about each other is mutual.

237. The bottle must not be laid on its side. (UPRIGHT)

→The bottle must be kept/ placed in an upright position.

238. Not many people attended the meeting. (TURNOUT)
 →There was a poor turnout for the meeting.

239. I'd like to visit Singapore more than any other countries in the world.
 →Singapore is the country I'd like to visit most.

240. She listens more sympathetically than anyone else I know.
 →She is a person who listens more sympathetically than anyone else I know.

241. People don't want to buy cars with large engines any more. (CALL)
 →There is no longer any call for cars with large engines.

242. In the end, I felt I had been right to leave the club. (REGRETS)
 →I had no regrets about leaving the club in the end.

243. His reactions are quite unpredictable. (KNOWS)
 →Nobody knows how he is going to react.

244. "If you don't apologize immediately, I'm leaving", she told him. (THREATENED)
 →She threatened to leave if he didn't apologize immediately.

245. There isn't enough space in this room for a big cupboard. (TAKE)
 →A big cupboard would take up too much space in this room.

246. Could I stay with you for the weekend? (PUT)
 →Could you put me up for the weekend?

247. The service given by the bank has improved recently. (IMPROVEMENTS)
 →The bank has made improvements to its service recently.

248. They are letting the well-known gang leader out of prison tomorrow. (RELEASED)
 →The well-known gang leader is being released from prison tomorrow.

249. Is this the only way to reach the city center?
 →*Isn't* there any another way to reach the city center?

250. I have never seen such a mess in my life!
 →*Never* in my life have I seen such a mess!

251. The weather is probably not going to change.
 →There will probably be no change in the weather.

252. I'd made up my mind, but at the last minute I lost my confidence. (FEET)
 →I'd made up my mind, but at the last minutes I got/had cold feet.

253. I couldn't help smiling when he told me of his plan. (A STRAIGHT FACE)
 →I couldn't keep a straight face when he told me of his plan.

254. He seemed to be worried about something. (IMPRESSION)
 →I had/got the impression that he was worried about something.

255. I've never seen anyone play so skillfully before. (MUCH)
 →I've never seen anyone play with so much skill before.

256. When should we collect the books we ordered last week? (SUPPOSED)
 →When are we supposed to collect the books ...

257. His memory gradually failed as he grew old.
 →*The older* he got, the more his memory failed him.

258. The house has got everything except for a large garden. (LACKS)
 →The only thing the house lacks is a large garden.

259. I hardly think she will agree to give you a pay rise. (LIKELIHOOD)
 →There is little likelihood of her giving you a pay rise.

260. I remained neutral during their disagreement because I like both of them. (SIDES)
 →I didn't take sides during their disagreement because I like both of them.

261. A great many people will congratulate her if she wins. (SHOWERED)
 →She will be showered with great many congratulations if she wins.

262. I'm annoyed with you for not phoning me to say you'd be late. (MIGHT)
 →You might have phoned me if you'd be late.

263. She thought she had paid the bill but she hadn't.
 →She was convinced that she had paid the bill but she hadn't.

264. The hurricane blew the roof off the house.
 →*The house* had its roof blown off by the hurricane.

265. This affair doesn't concern you.
 →*This affair is no* concern of yours.

266. That dress has only the slightest mark on it.
 →*I can barely* see any marks on that dress.

267. No one stands a chance of beating Mansell in this year's championship.
 →*It's a foregone* conclusion that Mansell will win this year's championship.

268. The only thing that makes this job worthwhile is the money.
 →*Were* it not for the money, the job wouldn't be worthwhile.

269. Her success went beyond her expectation.
 →*Never* had she expected that she was so successful.

270. How likely is it she will pass the exam? (CHANCES)
 →What are her chances of passing the exam?

271. He did the puzzle in two minutes. (SOLUTION)
 →He found the solution to the puzzle in two minutes.

272. My brother is not feeling terribly well. (UNDER)
 →My brother is under the weather.

273. It will be necessary to pay the full amount when you look. (HAVE)

→The full amount will have to be paid when you look.

274. The room seemed to have been unoccupied for weeks.
 →*It looked* though the room had been unoccupied for weeks.

275. I didn't see her again for five years.
 →*Five years* have passed since I last saw her.

276. People no longer smoke so many cigarettes as they used to.
 →*The smoking* of cigarettes is no longer as popular as it used to be.

277. The millionaire decided to give away his money to the poor. (PRESENT)
 →The millionaire decided to make a present of his money the poor.

278. There is no ice cream left. (RUN)
 →We have run out of ice cream.

279. I had better go back to work. (TIME)
 →It is high time I went back to work.

280. He is more a lecturer than a teacher.
 →*He* is considered a lecturer rather than a teacher.

281. I'm the only child in my family.
 →*My mother gave* birth to only one child.

282. She was smoking in the bathroom, I went in to the bathroom and knew that. (CAUGHT)
 →I caught her smoking in the bathroom.

283. He was forced to apologize. (CHOICE)
 →He had no choice but apologize.

284. John inflated the tires of his bicycle. (BLEW)
 →John blew up the tires of his bicycle.

285. Alternative medicine is a complete mystery to some people.
 →*Some people are* strange to alternative medicine.

286. You may be disqualified if you don't obey the regulations.
 →*Failure* to obey the regulations may cause your disqualification.

287. He tried hard so that he would win the first prize.
 →*With* the hope to win the first prize, he tried hard.

288. They declared war on the pretext of defending their territorial rights.
 →*The excuse* for the declaration of the war is the defence of their territorial rights.

289. Can I speak to someone about my problem?
 →*Would it* be possible for me to talk to ...

290. He is said to be a very hard bargainer. (REPUTATION)
 →He has a reputation for being a very hard bargainer.

291. He doesn't appreciate his wife. (GRANTED)
 →He doesn't take his wife for granted.

292. The amount of firm spent on the project initially was \$15,000.
(OUTLAY)

→The initial outlay on the project was \$15,000.

293. It was a red-letter day.

→*That day* was a memorial one for me.

294. We regret to inform you that your application has not been successful.

→*Much to* our regret we must inform ...

295. He made no bones about helping me.

→*He didn't* hesitate to help me.

296. He never thought of telling her.

→*It never* occurred to him to tell her.

297. The dress was so tempting that I bought it.

→*I couldn't resist* the temptation to buy the dress.

298. The idea no longer interests her.

→She has gone off the idea.

299. Very little money was raised by the charity appeal. (RESPONSE)

→The response to the charity appeal was very poor.

300. His irresponsible attitude is endangering his career as a doctor.

(JEOPARDY)

→His irresponsible attitude is putting his career as a doctor in jeopardy.

301. He liked the new job straight away. (DUCK)

→He took to the new job like duck to water.

302. He's not sure whether to go or not. (MINDS)

→He's in two minds about whether to go or not.

303. She has extensive knowledge of ancient Egypt. (VERY)

→She is very knowledgeable about ancient Egypt.

304. We were very impressed by the new camera but found it rather expensive.

→*Impressed* by the new camera as/though we were, we found it rather expensive.

305. The team is the same as it for last Saturday's match.

→*There have* been no changes to the team since last Saturday's match.

306. Couldn't you have got a bus to the station?

→*Wasn't* it possible for you to get a bus ...

307. I'm telling you this for you not to make a mistake. (FEAR)

→I'm telling you this for fear that you might make a mistake.

308. They have security guards so that people won't try to steal.

(DISCOURAGE)

→They have security guards in order to discourage someone from trying to steal.

309. This government has changed its taxation policy completely since the last general election. (UNDERGONE)

→This government has undergone a complete change in its taxation policy since ...

310. We won't get to the airport in less than 30 minutes. (LEAST)

→It will take us at least 30 minutes to get to the airport.

311. Claire suddenly realized what a blunder she had made. (DAWNED)

→It suddenly dawned on Clair what a ...

312. Collecting stamps is Peter's great passion. (CRAZY)

→Peter is crazy about collecting stamps.

313. Don't run away with the idea that this job is easy. (CONCLUSION)

→Don't come to/draw a conclusion that this job is easy.

314. Tony's very charming, but I wouldn't trust him.

→*Charming* as/though Tony may be/is, I wouldn't trust him.

315. I left without saying goodbye as I didn't want to disturb the meeting.

→*Rather than* disturbing the meeting, I left without saying goodbye.

316. The thief must have come in through the window.

→*The thief* almost certainly came in through the window.

317. Driving at that speed is dangerous whether you are an experienced driver or not.

→*However* experienced a driver you are, driving at that speed is dangerous.

318. The play is so popular that the theater is likely to be full every night.

→*Such is* the popularity of the play that the theater is likely to be full every night.

319. All of you are likely to be able to enter college. (CHANCES)

→The chances are that all of you will be able to enter college.

320. I think his theory is clear and logical. (STANDS)

→I think his theory stands to reason.

321. Don't panic about something so trivial. (MOUNTAIN)

→Don't make a mountain out of the molehill.

322. Mass tourism has been one of the causes of the problem. (BLAME)

→Mass tourism is partly to blame for the problem.

323. Teaching doesn't really suit her. (CUT)

→She isn't really cut out for teaching.

324. Graham spends all his time doing research. (DEVOTED)

→Graham has devoted all his time to doing research.

325. You must accept the fact that she has left you. (RESIGN)

→You must resign yourself to the fact that she has left you.

326. My friend took no notice of my advice. (DEAF)

→My friend turned a deaf ear to my advice.

327. She was just as good as they had thought. (CAME)
→She came up to their expectations.

328. They will not announce the decision formally.
→*No formal* announcement of the decision was made/ given.

329. She firmly believed John to be telling the truth.
→*It* was her firm belief that was telling the truth.

330. Although he didn't want to pay such a high price, he had no choice.
→*Reluctant* as/though he was to pay such a high price, he had no choice.

331. This is our temporary office.
→*For* the time being, this is our office.

332. The spectators got so angry that they had to cancel the football match.
→*Such* was the anger of the spectators that they ...

333. They arrived at the station with only a minute to spare. (NICK)
→They arrived at the station in the nick of time.

334. She had completely forgotten him. (MIND)
→He was completely out of her mind.

335. The man in that painting reminds me of my uncle. (BEARS)
→The man in that picture bears a resemblance to my uncle.

336. Why you are against inviting Jackie to the party? (OBJECTION)
→What's your objection to inviting Jackie to the party?

337. She is too busy to go shopping. (HANDS)
→She has her hands full so cannot go shopping.

338. Just thinking about his face at that moment makes me laugh.
→*The very* thought of his face at that moment makes me laugh.

339. Their chances of success are small.
→*It's not* likely that they will succeed.

340. I've considered the advantages and disadvantages and I've decided not to go. (WEIGHED)
→I've weighed up the pros and cons and ...

341. This house is very different from the little flat we used to live in. (CRY)
→This house is a far cry from the little flat we used to live in.

342. I really want to see her again. (DYING)
→I am dying to see her again.

343. Oil was slowly coating the edge of the shore.
→The edge of the shore was becoming covered with oil.

345. We may not be able to give the concert.
→The concert may have to be cancelled.

346. Alan worked too hard at the office, and this led to his illness.
→Alan's illness was the result of/ caused by her working too hard at the office.

347. The coach's tactics were directly responsible for the team's defeat. (CONSEQUENCE)
→The team's defeat was the direct consequence of the coach's tactics.

348. There is no point in your phoning Caroline – she's away. (TIME)
→It is a waste of time phoning ...

349. Who will inherit the estate? (HEIR)
→Who is the heir to the estate?

350. He likes to be addressed as "Professor". (CALL)
→He likes people to call him "Professor".

351. The brochure gives hardly any useful information.
→*Precious* little useful information is given in the brochure.

352. That reminds me of the time I climbed to the top of Mount Fuji.
→*That takes* me back to the time I climbed to the ...

353. If you find it necessary, you can contact me on this number.
→*Should* you find it necessary, you can ...

354. My friend persuaded me to go to the party in fancy dress.
→*My friends talked* me into going the party ...

355. Mr. Foster asked me to write this letter to you.
→*It is* at Mr. Foster's request that I write this letter to you.

356. He gave me a detail account of the operation.
→*He gave me a blow* to blow by blow account of the operation.

357. We agreed that each of us would do the washing up on alternative days. (TURNS)
→We agreed to take turns to do the washing up.

358. He makes sure that he isn't associated with politics he disagrees with. (DISTANCES)
→He makes sure that he distances himself from politics he ...

359. The new manager blames me for everything that goes wrong. (PICKING)
→The new manager keeps picking on me for ...

360. They have narrowed the many applicants down to three. (SHORT)
→They have sort-listed three applicants.

361. Bruce said that the situation at work was like a family argument. (LIKENED)
→Bruce likened the situation at work to a family argument.

362. Carol pretended that she hadn't understood my request. (MADE)
→Carol made a pretence of not having understood my request.

363. If you want good accommodation in Brighton, you should book in advance.
→If you want good accommodation in Brighton, it is advisable to book in advance.

364. They recommended opening new factories in the depressed area.
 →They recommended that new factories should be opened in the ...

365. He's a taxi driver, so he is thoroughly familiar with the city. (HAND)
 →He's a taxi driver, so he knows the city like the back of his hand.

366. If she ever learns about this news, she'll be furious. (EARS)
 →If this news ever reaches/comes to her ears, she'll be furious.

367. There's a very long list of repairs. (ARM)
 →There's a list of repairs as long as your arm.

368. Do you agree with Jill Tweedie's views on male female relations?
 →Are you in agreement with Jill Tweedie's views on male female relation?

369. The local government systems was first incorporated into law in the late 19th century.
 →The late 19th century first saw the local government systems incorporated into law.

370. You certainly can't play your music after midnight.
 →I won't have you play music after midnight.

371. You have little realization of how much I have sacrificed for you.
 →Little do you realize how much I ...

372. You've got a nerve, implying that it was all my fault.
 →How dare you imply that it was all my fault.

373. My job involves working from 6 p.m till midnight.
 →I am on duty from 6 p.m till midnight.

374. We can start at either 1 PM or 2 PM.
 →It makes no difference whether we will start at 1PM or 2PM.

375. The boy was about to cry when he was reprimanded by his mother.
 →The boy was on the point of crying when he ...

376. Alice lost all her hope; she decided to stop her business.
 →Such was her hopelessness that she decided to ...

377. We have to settle this matter in a definitive manner. (ALL)
 →We have to settle this matter once and for all.

378. In the area, Thailand is much better than all other countries in football.
 (SHOULDERS)
 →In the area, Thailand is head and shoulders above all other countries in football.

379. He gambled, lost everything and began to owe money. (INTO)
 →He gambled, lost everything and ran into debt.

380. You should punish him severely so that others will be afraid to behave as he did. (EXAMPLE)
 →You should make an sample of him so that ...

381. Did you see Alice at the party last night? (CATCH)

→Did you catch sight of Alice at the party last night?

382. He is a generous person. (NAME)
 →Generosity is his middle name.

383. Working independently is sometimes a great advantage, I reckon.
 →I think it sometimes a great advantage working independently.

384. To get the best result, you should work as hard as you can.
 →You should work the best you can to get the best result.

385. It was surprising the storm caused little damage in the area.
 →The storm surprisingly caused little damage in the area.

386. You won't find a school anywhere whose students get such good results.
 →Nowhere will you find a school of which the students get such good results.

387. Let's watch TV anyway. There's nothing better to do this evening.
 →We might/could just as well watch TV this evening.

388. She was so attractive that every boy in the class ran after her.
 →Such was her attractiveness that every ...

389. Despite the lack of their financial support, we will have to carry out the project.
 →Whether we have their financial support or not, we will ...

390. Your empty promises won't have any effect on her. (ICE)
 →Your empty promises won't cut any ice with her.

391. The boy does whatever his father wants in an obedient way.
 (ATTENDANCE)
 →The boy dances attendance on his father.

392. They have arranged to see the director tomorrow morning.
 (ARRANGEMENTS)
 →They have made arrangements to see ...

393. I really regret to have lost the opportunity to get the promotion. (BOAT)
 →I really regret to have missed the boat to get the promotion.

394. He was finally able to adjust himself to the new working condition.
 (SWING)
 →He finally got into the swing of the new working condition.

395. His grandfather is now having an operation. (KNIFE)
 →His grandfather is now under the knife.

396. His action was incomprehensible to his parents. (LOSS)
 →His parents were at a loss when they tried to understand his action.

397. You didn't attend yesterday's class so you can't do this exercise now.
 →Had you attended yesterday's class, you could do this exercise now.

398. It will be necessary for him to try harder if he wants to win the prize.
 →He will have to try harder in order to win the prize.

399. There's no one here who would not like to be in your place. (BUT)

→There's no one here but would like to be in your space.

400. You are broke. So am I. (BOAT)

→You are broke. I am in the same boat.

401. They fell in love when they first saw each other. (SIGHT)

→They fell in love at first sight.

402. We continued waving until the train could not be seen any more. (SIGHT)

→We continued waving until the train was out of sight.

403. We haven't heard from him for ages. (TOUCH)

→We have lost touch with him for ages.

404. I'm sure the children have been doing something terrible while we've been out. (UP)

→*I'm sure* the children have been getting up to something terrible ...

405. I was greatly relieved to hear that her condition was not serious.

→*It was with* great relief to hear that her ...

406. It is more than likely that she will succeed as an actress.

→*She has* a good chance of success as an actress.

407. You must concentrate on your work more.

→*You must apply* yourself to your work more.

408. If you weren't born in this country you can't vote in the election.

→*Not having been born* in this country, you can't ...

409. The police caught the burglar in the process of committing the crime. (RED)

→The burglar was caught red-handed.

410. I suddenly realized the meaning of a "freebie". (DAWNED)

→The meaning of a "freebie" suddenly dawned on me.

411. You look grumpy this morning. (BED)

→You get out of bed on the wrong side this morning.

412. She felt uncomfortable in the huge hotel. (FISH)

→She felt like a fish out of water in the huge hotel.

413. I was there when they admitted the truth. (PRESENCE)

→They admitted the truth in my presence.

414. I've hardly done anything today. (NEXT)

→I have done next to nothing today.

415. I am not to be disturbed under any circumstances.

→*Under no circumstances* am I to be disturbed.

416. You will eventually appreciate what I am getting at.

→*In time* you will appreciate what I am getting at.

417. I'd rather you didn't go.

→*I'd prefer* you not to go.

418. They'll arrive soon.

→*It won't* be long before they arrive.

419. There is a rumour that you stole it.

→*It is* rumoured that you stole it.

420. I can't find the answer without a calculator. (OUT)

→I can't work out the answer without a calculator.

421. I didn't expect to see Tim there! (LAST)

→The last person I expected to see there was Tim.

422. Everyone who spoke to the victim is a suspect. (UNDER)

→Everyone who spoke to the victim is under suspicion.

423. This is none of your business! (DOESN'T)

→This doesn't concern you!

424. Robert had no idea of his next move. (DO)

→Robert didn't know what he was going to do next.

425. It was only when I checked that I noticed the tyre was flat. (DID)

→Only when I checked the tyre did I notice it was flat.

426. Please inform the relevant authorities at once. (DELAY)

→Please inform the relevant authorities without delay.

427. She never seems to succeed, even though she works hard.

→*However* hard she works, she never seems to succeed.

428. Andrew is the most generous person I have ever met.

→*I've yet* to meet anyone who is more generous than Andrew.

429. I never thought that I would win a prize.

→*It had never* crossed my mind that I would win a prize.

430. I don't think the television's likely to blow up at any minute.

(LIKELIHOOD)

→There is little likelihood that the television will blow up at any minute.

431. This car only cost me five hundred pounds. (PICKED)

→I picked this car up for only five hundred pounds.

432. Someone paid five thousands pounds for the painting. (WENT)

→The painting went for five thousands pounds.

433. We have made neither a profit nor a loss this year. (EVEN)

→We have broken even this year.

434. In 1967 programs began to be transmitted in color. (ADVENT)

→1967 saw the advent of the transmission of programs in color.

435. Simon hadn't expected that he would feel so weak after the operation.

→*The operation left* Simon feeling weaker than he had expected.

436. He didn't mention our previous conversation at all.

→*He made* no reference to our previous conversation.

437. We were all shocked by his reaction.

→*His reaction came* as a shock to all of us.

438. I find Harold's behaviour quite incomprehensible. (LOSS)

→I am at a loss to understand Harold's behaviour.

439. The severity of the punishment bore no relation to the seriousness of the crime. (PROPORTION)

→The severity of the punishment was out of proportion to the crime.

440. I'm afraid our problems are only just beginning. (ICEBERG)

→Our problems are just the tip of the iceberg.

441. Thomas was not given details of the company's new projects. (DARK)

→Thomas was kept in the dark about the company's new projects.

442. I was too scared to tell him what I really thought. (LACKED)

→I lacked the courage to tell him what I really thought.

443. The police ended the fighting between the 2 gangs by arresting the leader. (STOP)

→The police put a stop to the fighting ...

444. Colin's **inability** to make sound judgement dates from his accident.

→Ever since his accident, Colin was has been **unable** to make sound judgement.

445. Critics are hoping the new director can bring some positive changes into the French film industry. (BREATHE)

→Critics are hoping the new director can breathe new life into ...

446. It is very difficult to give the exact value of a table like this. (FIGURE)

→It is very difficult to put an exact figure on the value of a table like this.

447. Five boys on a motorbike at the speed of 60 mph are very likely to end up in hospital. (RECIPE)

→Five boys on a motorbike ... mph is a recipe for disaster.

448. Detectives had stopped working on the Horsley murders three years previously. (BOOK)

→Detectives had closed the book on ...

449. He is very good at cooking spaghetti. (DAB)

→He is a dab hand at cooking spaghetti.

450. We all want to make him realise that he is not as important as he thinks. (SIZE)

→We all want to cut him down to size.

451. He really disappointed me when breaking the promise to help me out. (TEETH)

→He really kicked me in the teeth when ...

452. He died, having nothing of his own. (NAME)

→He died with no thing to his name.

453. Have a look at this picture. It may help you to remember something. (JOG)

→Have a look at this picture. It may help you to jog your memory.

454. He is becoming quite famous as an interviewer. (NAME)

→He is making a name for himself as an interviewer.

455. Social scientists find it hard to accept that the fall in the birth rate is responsible for the old age. (Resistance)

→There is resistance among social scientists to the idea that the fall ...

456. The Minister gave no precise figures about the casualties. (GO INTO)

→The Minister didn't go into detail about the casualties.

457. He doesn't think very highly of politicians.

→He's got a low opinion of politicians.

458. One advantage of living in the city is the range of clothes shops.

→One point in favour of living in the ...

459. Mary explained the problem surprisingly clearly.

→Mary explained the problem with surprising clarity.

460. We have credited the money to your current account at this bank.

→We have placed the money to the credit of your current account at this bank.

461. Your silly questions distracted me.

→You drove me to distraction with your silly questions.

462. I like her a lot. (AFFECTION)

→I have a lot of affection for her.

463. For gymnastics and skiing, regular practise is needed.

→Sports such as gymnastics and skiing need regular practise.

464. I find it surprising that she didn't like her present.

→I would have thought that she would have liked her present.

465. A new flu vaccine has been on trial since the beginning of the year.

→They have been trying out/testing a new flu vaccine since the ...

466. I'm afraid that I think he shouldn't marry her.

→I can't help feeling that he ...

467. They sent him to prison for three years. (SENTENCED)

→He was sentenced to three years in prison/ three years' imprisonment.

468. I'm sorry I missed Professor Baker's lecture.

→I'm sorry not to have attended Professor Baker's lecture.

469. "That's a lovely new dress, Jean", said her mother.

→Jean's mother complimented her on her lovely new dress.

470. Tim looks nothing like his father. (TAKE)

→Tim doesn't take after his father at all.

471. He watched videos all day. (ENTIRE)

→He spent the entire day watching videos.

472. I never thought of going by train. (OCCURRED)

→It never occurred to me that I could go by train.

473. The cause of the explosion is still unknown. (CAUSED)

→What caused the explosion is still unknown.

474. The train is 5 minutes late in leaving. (DUE)

→The train was due to leave 5 minutes ago.

475. The children are in disgrace for being so badly behaved.

→*The children are under* a cloud because of their bad behaviour.

476. John spends all his time working. (DEVOTED)

→John devoted to his work.

477. Mary knew what the answer was after reading the book.

→*By the time* she finished reading the book, Mary knew what the answer was.

478. The President's bodyguards stood behind him, watching.

→Watchfully standing behind the President were his bodyguards.

479. I find his clothes the most irritating about him.

→What most irritates me about him is his clothes.

480. The young man was very embarrassed because his proposal was turned down. (REJECTION)

→The rejection of his proposal greatly embarrassed the young man.

481. It is not worth trying to save endangered species. (WASTE)

→It is a waste of time trying to save endangered species.

482. I took little notice of the girl standing at the gate.

→*I didn't* pay much attention to the girl standing at the gate.

483. The Prime Minister resigned because of his sudden illness.

(RESULTED)

→The Prime Minister's resignation resulted from his sudden illness.

484. Did the football team play any better last weekend?

→*Was there* any improvement in the way the football team played last weekend?

485. There is a risk that the black rhino will become extinct.

(THREATENED)

→The black rhino is threatened with extinction.

486. She doesn't know why they are attracted to spending all day on the beach.

→*She can't see* the attraction of spending all day on the beach.

487. I would do anything to prevent him from going there.

→*There is* nothing I wouldn't do to ...

488. He said he had won as a result of good luck.

→*He attributed* his victory/success to good luck.

489. Our new Director wants to call her "Madam". (ADDRESSED)

→Our new Director wants to be addressed as "Madam".

490. We'll have to make up our minds by the end of the week, won't we?

(BE)

→A decision will have to be made by the end of the week, won't it?

491. Surely nobody likes it when people make fun of them in public. (BEING)

→Surely nobody likes being made fun of in public.

492. You should have called the doctor at once.

→*It was* wrong of you not to call the doctor at once.

493. We have no option but to collect this license free.

→*The collection* of this license free is obligatory.

494. He can shout even louder but I still won't take any notice.

→*No* matter how much louder he can shout, I still won't take ...

495. That's none of your business.

→That's nothing to do with you.

496. No sooner had he been appointed to the post than the new editor fell ill.

→Immediately after his appointment to the post, the new ...

497. You should excuse his bad manners; he's only a child.

(ALLOWANCES)

→You should make allowances for his bad manner; ...

498. Life in the countryside was completely different from that in the city. (DIFFERENCE)

→There was a complete difference between life in the countryside and that in the city.

499. For thousands of years, people have highly believed in supernatural powers.

→Thousands of years ago, people had high belief in ...

500. Telephone has brought convenience to people all over the world.

→Tele has been convenient to people all over the world.

501. A man with high ambition will never find leisure time in his life.

(AMBITIOUS)

→Highly ambitious man will ...

502. She was finally persuaded to travel by train. (PERSUASION)

→She finally accepted the persuasion of traveling by train.

503. She didn't inherit anything under her uncle's will.

→*Her uncle didn't* leave her anything in his will.

504. They had been lost in mountains for three days but they looked strong and healthy.

→*Even* though he ...

505. I'll find that man no matter how long it takes.

→*However* long it takes I will find that man.

506. This is the most amusing thing I have ever read. (SUCH)

→I have never read such an amusing thing before.

507. What are you thinking at the moment?

→What are in your mind at the moment?

508. Mary rang hours and hours ago. (THAT)

→It was Mary that rang hours and hours ago.

509. It was easy for us to find the house.

→*We had* no difficulty in finding the house.

510. Attendance at the exhibition has been down this year.

→*The exhibition* has not been so well attended this year.

511. It shouldn't have surprised me that my children didn't like the new, cheaper ice-scream.

→*I might* have known that my children wouldn't like ...

512. Don't go to lunch until you have typed all these letters.

→*Make sure* you finish tying all these letters before going to lunch.

513. He didn't realise until that moment how much he loved her.

→Only then that moment did he realise how much he ...

514. You can leave only when I tell you.

→Until I tell you, you cannot leave.

515. I think you should go by train. (WERE)

→If I were you, I would ...

516. It wasn't my fault the business failed.

→*Through no* fault of mine that the business failed.

517. David played the main role when the proposal was drafted.

(INSTRUMENTAL)

→David was instrumental in drafting the proposal.

518. If you hadn't changed our original agreement, everything would have been fine. (STUCK TO)

→If you had stuck to our ...

519. I think you should have some consideration for those who don't have lives at privilege as yours. (SPARE)

→

520. When I heard her speak, it affected me profoundly. (IMPACT)

→When I heard her speak, it made a profound impact on me.

521. The rain in Ha Noi last October was the biggest one since 1984.

→*No rain* in Ha Noi since 1984 was as big as the one last October.

522. Nick told one of the detectives that he had taken the cashbox.

→*Nick admitted* to one of the detectives that ...

523. We cannot see animals in a vast area after the forest fire. (ADSENCE)

→There is an absence of animal in vast area after the forest fire.

524. Our environment is polluted seriously. (POLLUTION)

→There is a serious pollution in our environment.

525. We cannot make any comparison with her sacrifice. (COMPARE)

→We can compare nothing else with her sacrifice.

526. A huge investment has been put into the field of hydro-electricity. (INVEST)

→They invest a big fund/ sum of money in the field of hydro-electricity.

527. They speak English in a high proficiency. (PROFICIENTLY)

→They speak English very proficiently.

528. He tried his best but he couldn't succeed. (SUCCESS)

→He tried his best but he couldn't get any success.

529. Regular practice will make us skillful. (PRACTISE)

→You will be skillful if you practise regularly.

530. He maintained his position against his adversary. (GROUND)

→He held/kept/stood his ground against his adversary.

531. Don't conclude that learning English is easy. (COME)

→Don't come to conclusion that learning English is easy.

532. The local council has considered mass tourism the cause of the environmental problems. (PUT)

→The local council has put/laid the blame on mass tourism for the cause of environmental problems.

533. The book interestingly describes the life of Marx as a young man. (ACCOUNT)

→The book gives an interesting account of the

554. John asked if it was the blue one or the green she wanted.

→"Which one do you want, the blue or the green?" John asked her

555. I haven't eaten this kind of food before.

→This is the first I have eaten this kind of food

556. Only if you work hard now have you any chance of success.

→Your chance of success depends on your hard working.

557. He tried very hard to give up smoking.

→He made great efforts to give up smoking

558. An aerial is not required with this radio

→You don't need to use an aerial with this radio

559. When he stops smoking, he'll feel better.

→The sooner they stop smoking, the better he will feel

560. The wedding was held despite the rain.

→The wedding took place despite the rain with this radio