

EXERCISE ON SENTENCE REWRITING & VERB TENSES

Exercise 1: Rewrite the following sentences beginning with the given words

1. People are building a bridge over that river □ A
bridge.....
2. This exercise is so difficult that I can't do it □ This exercise is
too.....
3. "I have just finished my work." My brother said □ My
brother.....
4. The boy is very lazy. He can do nothing. □ The boy is
too.....
5. "Why don't you go to bed John?" father asked □ Father
asked.....
6. Everybody is telling about news everywhere. □ That
news.....
7. "How does she drive?" I wondered. □ I
wondered.....
8. People believed that she died of AIDS □
She.....
9. It's very impolite to speak loudly in public places. □
Speaking.....
10. In spite of his good behavior, they don't believe him. □
Although.....
11. They never miss their favorite TV program. □ They
always.....
12. No one in my class is as intelligent as Jack
□ Jack.....
13. It's ages since I met her □ I
haven't.....
14. She often goes shopping. She's fond of it. □ She's
15. Looking after the children is difficult. □ It
is.....
16. The room is too dark for us to study. □ The room
isn't.....
17. "What time did you go to bed last night?", asked Bill □ Bill
asked.....
18. "Do it or you'll be punished", she told me □ She told
me.....
19. It is said that they went abroad last month. □
They.....

20. The bag is too heavy for her to carry ☐ The bag is so.....
21. She is too old to wear that hat. ☐ She.....
22. No other animal is as big as elephant ☐ Elephant.....
23. The teacher made the boy hand in the paper. ☐ The boy.....
24. They have taught English in this for years. ☐ English.....
25. "I want you to finish this report", he said to her ☐ He asked her.....
26. The student wrote his composition in 3 hours. ☐ It took.....
27. "I'll wait for you but you must promise to get on time", she said ☐ She said.....
28. It's such old furniture that it's not worth keeping . ☐ The furniture.....
29. How long is it since you started studying English? ☐ When.....
30. My children aren't as intelligent as theirs ☐ Their.....
31. People are using computers in all kinds of work. ☐ Computers.....
32. You have to keep dangerous drugs out of children's reach. ☐ Dangerous.....
33. The artist has painted many pictures for the exhibition. ☐ Many pictures.....
34. She started working as an English teacher 5 years ago. ☐ She has.....
35. The postman was bitten by our dog. ☐ Our dog.....
36. They're sending it to their boss by airport. ☐ It.....
37. He spent a whole day repairing the radio. ☐ It took.....
38. I'm sure they didn't tell you the truth of the situation. ☐ They can't.....
39. The major part of the temple had been converted into "Lenin's room". ☐ They.....
40. His bicycle is more expensive than yours. ☐ My bicycle.....
41. Speaking English fluently is not easy. ☐ It is.....

Exercise 2. Use the correct forms of the words in the parentheses

- When we (come) to see her last week, she(phone) her friend.
- Don't make much noise. My father (sleep).
- The train (come) here in 5 minutes.
- If I (be) you, I (not help) her.
- My sister (phone) me yesterday that she (go) to town by the end of that week.
- She (read) that short story by Jack London several times.
- She already (learn) French before she (study) medicine.
- I was (delight) to get your letter this morning.
- The lesson was so (interest) that most of them went to sleep in the middle.

10. He soon put on (weigh) when he stopped (play) football.
11. Travel is said to (broad) the mind.
12. I came to the (conclude) that he had been lying.
13. Her books have grown in (popular) recently.
14. She was too (shame) to tell his teacher about the stupid mistakes.
15. I am not sure at all. I really can't say (certain).
16. I clearly remember (lock) the door before I left.
17. She advised me (tell) the police about the accident.
18. They agreed (lend) him some money when he told them the position he was in.
19. Are you going to give up (smoke)?
20. I wouldn't recommend (stay) in that hotel.
21. Do you think the grass needs (cut) ?
22. He never takes his parents' (advise).
23. The South Vietnam was completely (liberate) on April 30,1975.
24. Was it all done by (ordinarily) people?
25. It is such a (love) evening. Let's go for a walk.
26. The father didn't give his son any advice and encouragement. If he (give) his son some, I think he (behave) better.
27. The success would be at hand if you (not give) up your attempts suddenly.
28. I believe that their contract (be) settled if they were ready for a friendly talk.
29. If she (be) at the top of the class this term, what would her father reward her?
30. I don't like the people who (show) no interest in anything.
31. Measles (be) a dangerous disease.
32. Everyone looks tired. They (work) all day.
33. Physics (help) us understand the natural phenomena.
34. This sun block lotion gives good (protect) against harmful ultraviolet rays.
35. Sally came in so (noise) that she woke everyone up.
36. Some famous directors make their film very (know).
37. She (write) that letter 2 days ago.
38. What (happen) when they arrived?
39. I don't smoke while I (drive) a car.
40. After they (go), I (sit) down and (rest).
41. His knowledge (develop) since he (get) habit of reading.
42. You (finish) the book I (lend) you last year?
43. Last week, when the police (come) there, the thief (go) away.
44. We must take an umbrella. It (rain).
45. This is the worst storm I ever (see).
46. Mary was fond of (see) the circus when (be) young.
47. I (receive) 20 cards so far.
48. What color this dress (be) before you (wash) it?
49. We (live) in Newyork for 5 years when we (move) to Detroit.
50. Mike didn't know the news because he (not read) the paper yet.
51. My car (break) down this morning on the way to work.
52. What's the problem? You (not speak) a word since you (come) home.
53. Oh, dear! I think our main water pipe (break).
54. They (study) in the library when the fire alarm (go) out.
55. At 7 o'clock last night I (listen) to the radio.
56. That student (know) all of the new words very well now.
57. Almost everyone (leave) for home by the time we (arrive).

58. You'll know him when you (see) him.
59. Exercise (improve) your body and your mind.
60. While Doris (walk) into the garden, the dog suddenly (bite) her from behind.
61. He (be) a newspaper reporter before he (become) a businessman.
62. Everything (change) a lot since I (leave) here.
63. You often (see) your parents?
64. Last night the fire (break) out while everybody (sleep).
65. I think she (leave) as she gets the news.
66. While Joan (write) the report, Henry (look) for information. He (work) when I (come) in, and he obviously (work) for a long time because he (be) very tired.
67. He has just gone to bed when the door bell (ring)
68. The patient already (die) by the time I (see) her yesterday.
69. I missed part of the lecture because I was day dreaming. And now my notes (be) incomplete . I wish I (pay) more attention to the lecture .
70. He (visit) his friend yesterday and (find) that she (be) abroad.
71. Be quiet! The baby (sleep).
72. Light (travel) faster than sound .
73. Bob Fellow (come) from England. He (come) to Paris 6 months ago to learn French. He (start) learning French at school in England when he (be) 11 he (learn) it for nearly 10 years. He just (take) an exam. If he (pass), he (move) into the next class. He (be) excited today because his parents (come) tomorrow to stay with him for a few days.
74. Mary (have) to go to Newyork last week, but she almost missed the plane. She (stand) in the queue at the check-in desk when she suddenly (realize) that she (leave) her passport at home. Fortunately she (not live) very far from the airport so she (have) time to go back home to get the passport. She (get) back to the airport just in time for her flight.
75. While I (walk) across the campus the other day, I (meet) my old friend, John ,whom I (not see) since July 10th. Naturally, we (stop) to talk to each other for a few minutes, I (ask) him how he (do) in his class this semester, and he said that he (just/ finish) his exam with great marks.
76. She (come) back a moment ago, and (turn) the TV on very loudly. My son (sleep) then, so I (tell) to turn it off.
77. Mary and John are neighbors. They (know) each other for several years. Mary (move) into her house in 1985 and John (live) next door since he (come) to the area in 1980.

