

KEY-WORD TRANSFORMATION – DESTINATION B2-C1-C2 [4]

Exercise 1.

1. 'I've decided I really want to go on a cruise round the Med this summer,' said Molly,
Molly says..... on a cruise round the Med this summer. **heart**
2. He told us that getting a later plane was our only option.
'You..... a later plane,' he said. **but**
3. 'Does Tony follow current affairs closely?' asked Susie.
Susie asked me current affairs. **interest**
4. 'I'm going to enjoy myself now the exams are over,' said Heidi,
Heidi said she..... now the exams were over. **hair**
5. As the plane finally stopped on the runway, it was immediately surrounded by fire engines.
As the plane finally..... on the runway, it was immediately surrounded by fire engines. **rest**
6. Pete said that Josh doesn't usually tell lies.
'It lies,' said Pete. **like**
7. 'Let's not make any plans and just see what happens,' said Dawn.
Dawn suggested..... and just seeing what happened. **ear**
8. I decided right there and then to buy it and now I really regret it!
I and now I really regret it! **whim**

Exercise 2.

1. 'I haven't made any firm decisions yet,' said Laurence.
Laurence said he at that time. **open**
2. Paul and Pete share so many similar interests,
Paul..... Pete. **common**
3. It would be in your interest to take an earlier train on Sunday,
You would..... an earlier train on Sunday. **off**
4. I've become extremely good at missing the rush hour over the last few weeks. **fine**
I've got missing the rush hour..... over the last few weeks.
5. Although Rudy really didn't want to play cricket on Sunday, he agreed in the end.
Despite.....cricket on Sunday, Rudy agreed in the end. **dead**
6. Karen should be made responsible for dealing with customer complaints.
It's high time Karen.....dealing with customer complaints. **charge**
7. My parents are furious with me for getting a tattoo and so have grounded me. **arms**
My parents,.....getting a tattoo, have grounded me.
8. 'I don't think we're going to survive, David,' I said, but of course we did. **tale**
I told David I thought we, but of course we did.
9. I'd prefer to come out on top in the end, though! **laugh**

I'd rather..... in the end, though!

10. I wish coffee didn't affect me. **effect**

If me.

Exercise 3.

1. We would always take great care when flying at night.
We always used..... when flying at night. **wits**
2. There's no way you're getting a new computer for your birthday, Michael.
Your getting a new computer for your birthday..... Michael. **question**
3. I couldn't stop thinking about the exam despite playing backgammon with Paul.
Playing backgammon with Paul the exam. **mind**
4. Elaine's very bright so she won't have been taken in, whatever they said.
Elaine's very..... so she won't have been taken in, whatever they said. **uptake**
5. Don't let her give in however hard they try to persuade her.
Make sure she....., however hard they try to persuade her. **guns**
6. I used to believe in capital punishment but I don't anymore.
I used to believe in capital punishment but I.....now. **mind**
7. Bi I changed his ways when he came out of prison.
Bill..... since he came out of prison. **leaf**
8. Hardip has been to Edinburgh lots of times so he'll tell you where you should go.
Hardip..... so he'll tell you where you should go. **inside**

Exercise 4.

1. We know that most people prefer buying a car from someone they trust.
Most people..... buying a car from someone they trust. **known**
2. I have got such a lot of work at the moment that I can't afford to take the day off.
I..... at the moment so I can't afford to take the day off. **snowed**
3. We expect the President will start speaking at eleven.
The President.....at eleven. **due**
4. At the start of the meeting, Ashley summarised what had been discussed last time.
Ashley.....a summary of what had been discussed last time. **kicked**
5. A test was planned for the following Monday so I spent the weekend revising. **going**
I spent the weekend revising because.....the following Monday.
6. Karen was about to leave the house when the phone rang.
Karen w as..... the house when the phone rang. **point**
7. You have to work here for two years before they consider you for promotion. **been**
They will consider you for promotion..... for two years.

8. They have been considering widening the road for some time now.
Widening the road..... for some time now.
- Exercise 5.**
- I think you misunderstood, Kevin.
I think you m ust.....Kevin.
 - Please don't tell anyone but I'm handing in my resignation this afternoon.
You'dbut I'm handing in my resignation this afternoon.
 - There are going to be a few changes round here; do you see what I mean, Tim?
There are going to be a few changes round here, if, Tim.
 - I didn't get home late so Dad wasn't upset with me.
I if I'd got home late.
 - It was a bad idea to turn up unexpectedly without calling first.
You should..... without calling first.
 - Actually I wanted to be a politician when I was younger, but then I changed my mind.
I wanted to be a politician when I was younger....., but then I changed my mind.
 - Do you happen to know what's on at the cinema tonight?
Do you.....know what's on at the cinema tonight?
 - It's highly likely I'll be late if the situation doesn't change.
There's.....the situation changes.

Exercise 6.

- You should have told me you were having problems with the homework.
I.....you were having problems with the homework.
- Dickens is a much better writer than Trollope.
Trollope is Dickens.
- I have tried very hard to learn how to play chess but I can't.
It seems that..... I still can't learn how to play chess.
- Please don't tell anyone about this for the time being.
I..... let anyone know about this for the time being.
- The amount we've saved is very small compared to how much we owe.
The amount we've saved is.....compared to how much we owe.
- It's a shame we can't get more people to support our campaign.
I wish..... support for our campaign.
- The number of violent crimes around here has risen dramatically recently.
There..... the number of violent crimes around here recently.
- My new job is much more satisfying than any job I've ever had.
My new job i one I've ever had.

Exercise 7.

- That man over there lost his temper in the public meeting.
That's.....in the public meeting.

under

stick

hat

drift

books

blue

happens

chance

every

rather

like

matter

sooner

ocean

drum

sharp

away

handle

- We honestly all found it almost impossible not to laugh when we saw Josh's new haircut.
Honestly, almost impossible when we saw Josh's new haircut.
- The phone bill was so expensive that Dave was furious.
Dave was.....an expensive phone bill.
- She vividly described the expedition arid that made it seem exciting.
The thing.....was her vivid description.
- You'd better talk to those in charge about that.
You'd better talk to about that.
- You know you're not allowed to cheat, Lucy.
You know , Lucy.
- My supervisor had just said I couldn't have the day off when her boss said I could.
No sooner.....a day off than her boss said I could have one
- Severely punishing people like that hardly ever has any effect.
Hardly ever.....people like that have any effect.

face

arms

life

powers

against

denied

book

Exercise 8.

- I don't have enough money to spend on luxury items.
Ion luxury items.
- You can see that they made a big effort with the school play.
You can see that.....went into the school play.
- I wonder why Grant quit his job.
I wonder.....his job.
- I passed the exam, but only just!
I managed..... the exam.
- There was a burning smell coming from the kitchen so I went to check on dinner.
Iin the kitchen so I went to check on dinner.
- We need business to improve soon or we won't survive the year.
If, we won't survive the year.
- My parents made me redo my homework.
I my homework by my parents.
- Bob and Sheila came home in my car in the end.
Ihome.

afford

deal

prompted

scrape

smelt

pick

made

ended

Exercise 9.

- First of all, the d rector explained the reason for the meeting.
The directorthe reason for the meeting.
- 'I don't think you should become a model,'Jane's teacher said to her.
Jane's teacher advised a model.
- Could you do my job while I visit the doctor this afternoon?

began

becoming

stand

- Could while I visit the doctor this afternoon?
4. Even though he was rich, Bob took a job at McDonald's.
In Bob took a job at McDonald's.
5. As soon as I left, I realised I'd forgotten my coat.
No I realised I'd forgotten my coat.
6. I regret not becoming a model when I had the chance.
I wish when I had the chance.
7. Stop buying exactly the same clothes as I do.
I wish exactly the same clothes as I do.
8. I had no idea that the man was Jean-Paul Gaultier.
Little the man was Jean-Paul Gaultier.

being

than

become

buy

realise

Exercise 10.

1. 'I enjoyed myself yesterday,' said Brian.
Brian said he before.
2. 'Don't touch my bag!' Josie said to Michael.
Josie told bag.
3. 'Where did you put my ruler?' Kate asked me.
Kate asked me ruler.
4. 'Please don't tell anyone my secret!' said Sandra to Kevin.
Sandra anyone her secret.
5. I'm sorry I didn't believe you,' I said to Veronica.
I apologised her.
6. 'I must remember to set the video/ said Denise.
Denise to set the video.
7. 'I didn't make fun of Ian after the party!' Joe said.
Joe after the party.
8. 'I've won a fortune on the lottery!' Don said.
Don claimed a fortune on the lottery.

day

her

I

begged

not

she

denied

have

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ANSWER KEYS

Exercise 1.

- (that) she has set her heart on going/her heart is set on going
- have (got) no option but to get
- whether/if Tony takes/had a close interest in/whether/if Tony has/had a keen interest
- was going to let her hair down

- came to rest
- isn't like Josh to tell
- playing it by ear
- bought it on a whim

Exercise 2.

- had (still) left his options open / had (still) kept his options open / was (still) leaving his options open/was (still) keeping his options open
- has so much in common with/has so many interests in common with
- be better off taking
- down to a fine art
- (him/his) being dead (set) against playing
- was (put) in charge of
- who are up in arms about my /me
- wouldn't live to tell the tale
- have had the last laugh/I had the last laugh
- only coffee had no effect on/ only coffee didn't have an/any effect on

Exercise 3.

- to have A kept our wits about us
- is out of the question
- failed to / didn't take my mind off
- quick on the uptake
- sticks to her guns
- have changed my mind
- has turned over a new leaf
- knows Edinburgh inside out

Exercise 4.

- are known to prefer
- am snowed under with/at work
- is due to start speaking
- kicked off the meeting / kicked the meeting off with
- I was / we were going to have a test
- (just) on the point of leaving
- once/when/after you've been working here
- has been under consideration

Exercise 5.

- have got the wrong end of the stick
- better keep it/this under your hat
- you catch/get my drift & broke
- would have been in Dad's bad books
- not have turned up out of the blue
- as it happens
- by any chance
- every chance/likelihood/possibility I'll be late unless

Exercise 6.

- would rather you had told me
- nothing like as good a writer as
- no matter how hard
- would sooner you didn't
- a drop in the ocean
- we were able to / could drum up more
- has been a sharp rise/increase in
- (by) far and away the most satisfying

Exercise 7.

- the man who/that flew off the handle
- (our) keeping a straight face was
- up in arms about such
- which/that brought the expedition to life
- the powers that be
- cheating is against the rules / it's against the rules to cheat
- had my supervisor denied my request to have / me
- does throwing the book at

Exercise 8.

- can't afford to spend money
- a great deal of effort
- what prompted Grant to quit
- to scrape through
- smelt something burning
- business doesn't pick up soon

7. was made to redo

Exercise 9.

1. began by explaining

3. you stand in for me

5. sooner had I left than

7. you wouldn't / would not buy

Exercise 10.

1. had enjoyed himself the day

3. where I had put her

5. to Veronica for not believing

7. denied making fun of Ian

8. ended up driving Bob and Sheila

2. her against becoming

4. spite of being rich

6. I had become a model

8. did I realise (that)

2. Michael not to touch her

4. begged Kevin not to tell

6. said she had to remember

8. to have won

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