

I: 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, the 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.
→**It is** a six hour 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?
→**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 thừ)
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: ăp 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.
→**The house** had its roof blown off by the storm.
88. This is the quickest way to get into the town centre.
→**There is** no quicker way than this to get into the town centre.
89. Only one person knew what had caused the fire.
→**The cause** of the fire was known to only one person.
90. I'm not going to retire unless I myself want to. (FEEL)
→I'm not going to retire unless I feel like it.
91. After two hours the bride had still not arrived. (SIGN)
→After two hours there was still no sign of the bride.
92. Rosa found the heat quite intolerable. (BEAR)
→Rosa couldn't bear the heat.
93. You were rude to that woman's husband, and she's upset now.
→The woman whose husband you were rude to is upset now.
94. Are they likely to pass Proficiency?
→Is there any likelihood that they pass Proficiency?
95. 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.
96. Harry paid 50 pounds a week for bed and breakfast.
→Bed and breakfast cost Harry 50 pounds a week.
97. You can not make use of this offer after 15 December.
→This offer is only valid until 15 December.
98. Be careful not to waste water. (ECONOMICAL)
→Be economical with water
99. We haven't sold many cars this month. (DEMAND)
→There has been little demand for cars this month.
100. The accident victim was having increasing difficulty in breathing. (DIFFICULT)

→The accident victims were increasingly difficult to breathe.

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

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

103. 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.

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

105. 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: *binh 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. (BOUND)
→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 example 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 place.

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 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 leisured 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-cream.
→**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 typing 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
534. 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
535. I haven't eaten this kind of food before.
→ This is the first I have eaten this kind of food
536. Only if you work hard now have you any chance of success.
→ Your chance of success depends on your hard working.
537. He tried very hard to give up smoking.
→ He made great efforts to give up smoking
538. An aerial is not required with this radio
→ You don't need to use an aerial with this radio
539. When he stops smoking, he'll feel better.
→ The sooner they stop smoking, the better he will feel
540. The wedding was held despite the rain.
→ The wedding took place despite the rain with this radio.



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