

TRANSFORMATIONS

Rewrite the sentences so that the meaning stays the same as in the first sentence using the words in CAPITALS. Don't change the word. You can use 2 – 5 words. Contracted forms (e.g. don't) count as 2 words.

1. They tried very hard to finish the painting by the end of the day.
They did their best to finish the painting by the end of the day. **BEST**
2. It's possible Clare phoned while we were out.
Clare may have phoned while we were out. **MAY**
3. Daniel regretted speaking so rudely to his landlord.
Daniel wished he had spoken more politely to his landlord. **WISHED**
4. Someone was driving the car very erratically, the police confirmed.
The police confirmed that the car was being driven very erratically. **BEING**
5. The company has invented a useful piece of equipment.
The company has come up with a useful piece of equipment. **COME**
6. Even when I did very badly, my teacher always gave me encouragement.
No matter how badly I did, my teacher always gave me encouragement. **MATTER**
7. Feel free to telephone if you have any further problems.
Do not hesitate to call if you have any further problems. **CALL**
8. Susan couldn't get to the date because of the heavy rain.
The heavy rain prevented Susan from getting to the date. **PREVENTED**
9. He wanted to know: "How long has Peter had his car?"
He wanted to know how long Peter had had his car. **HAD**
10. It's only because of the quality of the singer's voice that people listen to the album.
It's the quality of the singer's voice that makes the album worth listening to. **WORTH**

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WORD FORMATION

Complete the sentences by changing the form of the words in capitals.

1. We took out a loan from the bank, so we're going to have to make monthly payment for the next five years. **PAY**
2. The problem with Martin is that he is just so talkative - he never shuts up! **TALK**
3. We were all jumping around impatiently in the corridor, desperately waiting to hear if it was a boy or a girl. **PATIENT**
4. Obviously it is your choice but I think you should think it over. **CHOOSE**
5. The police are investigating the mysterious disappearance from the zoo of a number of animals. **MYSTERY**
6. Their help was hugely beneficial. **BENEFIT**
7. If we enlarge the photo, you'll see his face in much more detail. **LARGE**
8. He does weight-lifting to build up his physical strength. **STRONG**
9. What this painting says to me is that we live in a world of destruction and despair. **DESTROY**
10. Are those flowers real or are they artificial? **ART**
11. He is well-off. His business is very profitable. **PROFIT**
12. Unfortunately, Tim always expresses total disagreement with my ideas. **AGREE**
13. Sally is sometimes silly and shows all her immaturity. **MATURE**
14. If you misbehave in class, you will get a detention! **BEHAVE**
15. There have been a lot of complaints about the high prices at the pumps. **COMPLAIN**

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Final test in the English language

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READING

title:

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- and endless treks in search of desert pasture. But men in the oasis of Djanet, near the Libyan and Niger borders, still wrap their faces in a long knotted turban which at times leaves only a slit for the eyes.
- 1 Legend has it that, many centuries ago, Touareg tribesmen of the central Sahara put on the veil to trick their enemies into thinking they were women.
- 2 The trick worked, the enemy was defeated and ever since then the Touareg, a Berber tribe of North Africa, have clung to a tradition which sets them apart from other Moslems: the men are veiled and the women are not.
- 3 Gone are the days of tribal raids, great camel caravans
- 4 'With family it's OK to let the turban down,' said Sakilil Dawdy, 34, a driver with the Algerian state hydrocarbons firm Sonatrach. 'But on the street, in front of strangers or as a guest, you must wear it. It's a question of honour.'
- 5 The Touareg turban, or shesh, has come to symbolise the identity of a proud warrior tribe of nomads which has preserved its language and customs under Turkish, French and Arab rule.
- 6 About 700,000 Touareg live in the Saharan and Sahel regions of Algeria, Libya, Niger and Mali, although fewer than half maintain the nomadic or semi-nomadic pastoral life of their forefathers.
- 7 The turban is increasingly discarded by the young, who
- pick up Arab or Western ways at school and through television, beamed to Djanet by satellite from Algiers 2,000 kilometres to the north-west.
- 8 But few men over 30 fail to cover their face when they leave home for the fields, the office or a simple village errand. Even the young cover up on special occasions and say that beneath their jeans and Western-style haircuts they remain true to Touareg roots.
- 9 'There are old men whose women have never seen their mouths in 30 years of marriage,' said Hamou Dahou, director of the Tim Beur travel agency.
- 10 The Touareg veil has fascinated visitors ever since the Arab traveller and observer Ibn Khaldoun toured North Africa in the 14th century and found most Berber desert tribesmen wrapped up tightly in a ball of cloth.
- 11 The turban humidifies the mouth and nose in the dry desert air and protects them like a filter when wind whips up clouds of choking sand. But the custom is so closely linked to honour that one French ethnologist spoke of a 'taboo of the mouth'.
- 12 'Showing your mouth was considered a sign of greed,' said Sheikh Amoud, 78, son of a Touareg resistance hero of the same name who fought the French in the Algerian Sahara and later the Italians in Libya's Fezzan province.
- 13 'In the old days, the first time a boy put on the turban there was a big ceremony because it meant he had become a man,' said Hadj Suleiman, 60, a member of Djanet's town council.
- 14 'A special indigo turban was brought from Niger and there was dancing and music. The boy was given a dagger and taught the principles of our tradition - courage, honesty, fidelity, never to cry and never to strike his wife. Now the young put on the turban when they feel like it.'

5. Write a summary of the article in about 50 words:

Results: Grammar: 67 points
 Reading: 25 points
 total G+R: 92 points

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- 2:
- 3:
- 4:

READING

1. Read the article and choose the best title. Circle A, B or C:

- 1 A Fierce Touaregs' veil tradition abandoned
- B Veil guards a man's honour among fierce Touaregs
- C Moslem tradition of wearing veils among fierce Touaregs

2. Answer these questions in one sentence but full detail:

- 1. Where does the man in the photo come from? The man is a Touareg tribesman from the Central Sahara desert (in parts of Algeria, Libya, Niger and Mali).
- 2. Why does he wear a turban (2 reasons): He wears a turban both to respect tradition and to protect his face against the desert climate.
- 3. Do the young men still wear one today? The young men still wear a turban on special occasions but not as frequently as the older men.

3. Choose the best answer A, B, C or D and circle it:

- 1) According to a legend, why did Touareg men first put on the veil?
 - A to deceive their enemies
 - B to look like their wives
 - C to follow religious tradition
 - D to protect their faces
- 2) A Touareg man can remove his turban when he is
 - A with other men.
 - B in the desert.
 - C in a friend's house.
 - D at home, in private.
- 3) What does this article say about young men and the turban?
 - A They prefer it to Arab and Western clothes.
 - B They wear it to go out in public.
 - C They wear it for important events.
 - D They use it to hide trendy haircuts.
- 4) What does 'them' (para 11) refer to?
 - A the Touareg
 - B most Berber desert tribesmen
 - C the mouth and nose
 - D clouds of choking sand
- 5) According to the article, the Touareg turban is a symbol of
 - A the art of living in the desert.
 - B Touareg resistance to foreign rule.
 - C how the Touareg control their feelings.
 - D what it means to be a Touareg.

4. Find the word in the article which means:

- 1) held tightly on (para 2) clung
- 2) food for domestic animals (para 3) pasture
- 3) place in the desert where there is water and plants (para 3) oasis
- 4) people who live by travelling from place to place, rather than staying in one place (para 5) nomads
- 5) dropped (para 7) discarded
- 6) broadcast (para 7) beamed
- 7) makes damp (para 11) humidifies
- 8) pointed, double-edged knife (para 14) dagger

5. Write a summary of the article in about 50 words:

5 total: 25 points

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Circle the best possibility:

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- 1) _____ difficulties in getting the tickets, we succeeded.
a) Given b) In spite c) Despite d) Although
- 2) I'd rather you _____ the dinner now.
a) cook b) cooked c) have cooked d) had cooked
- 3) She helped him _____ one of the heavy parcels up the stairs.
 a) carry b) to carrying c) carrying d) having carrying
- 4) Tom is looking forward to _____ his new job on Monday.
a) be starting b) starting c) be started d) start
- 5) Can you tell me where _____?
a) is the nearest bus stop b) was the nearest bus stop c) the nearest bus stop is d) is nearest bus stop
- 6) Bring it here, _____?
a) do you b) don't you c) will you d) won't you
- 7) I don't understand why the window is open. I clearly remember _____ it.
a) to close b) to closing c) close d) closing
- 8) He gave us _____ huge meal that we couldn't move for an hour afterwards.
a) so b) such c) such a d) so a
- 9) Since we are going to spend the weekend with them, we _____ to take them some flowers or chocolate.
a) should b) must c) ought d) had
- 10) I'll go shopping with you _____ I can get back in time for the lecture at 2 p.m.
a) in order that b) as long as c) such that d) so that
- 11) She's used _____ a taxi.
a) take b) to take c) taking d) to taking
- 12) The man walked so fast that the child could not keep _____ with him.
a) out b) on c) in d) up
- 13) He bought _____ newspaper.
a) a pair of b) a c) a piece of d) -
- 14) The school is _____ fire.
a) in b) on c) out of d) of
- 15) I'm sure I _____ this test.
 a) will pass b) am going to pass c) am passing d) will have pass
- 16) _____ tree in your garden is really magnificent.
a) a b) an c) the d) -
- 17) He's all red. He _____.
a) has run b) has been running c) had been running d) had run
- 18) At 7 p.m. yesterday we _____ to music.
a) listened b) were being listened c) were listening d) had listened
- 19) A: Was George there when you arrived? B: No, he _____ home.
a) went b) has gone c) has been going d) had gone
- 20) Watch out! That ladder is shaking. It _____ down.
a) will fall b) is going to fall c) will have fallen d) will be falling
- 21) I told him _____ rude to you again.
a) to being b) not be c) not to be d) don't be
- 22) He hasn't read all the books from his Maturita List yet and _____.
a) so have I b) neither have I c) I haven't d) so haven't I
- 23) This is the third time you _____ late.
a) are b) were c) have been d) are being
- 24) I'm warning you. If you _____ too much on the laptop, you _____ able to afford holidays abroad this year.
a) spent/wouldn't be b) had spent/wouldn't have been c) spend/won't be d) spend/aren't
- 25) It was a great party last night. You _____ come.
a) had to b) must have c) ought to d) should have
- 26) I can't stand them. They _____ selfies in my lessons.
a) constantly take b) are constantly taking c) have constantly taken d) take constantly
- 27) When did he have _____?
a) amputated his leg b) his leg to be amputated c) his leg amputated d) to amputate his leg
- 28) He asked me where _____ to school.
a) she goes b) she'd gone c) she has gone d) did she go
- 29) The teacher _____ me to apply to The University of Defence.
a) suggested b) advised c) warned d) approved
- 30) Hurry up because there is _____ left.
a) hardly something b) hardly little c) hardly anything d) hardly nothing

CLOZE TEST

Choose the best possibility and circle it. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example:

0 A running B moving C beating D rushing

MY FIRST FLIGHT

My heart was (0) ...C... fast as I stood at the edge of the cliff with my hang glider for the first time. I looked straight ahead to where the (1) disappeared in front of me, and (2) that there was nothing between me and the valley lying (3) below. My flying instructor went (4)the instructions once more, but I was not listening. The idea of jumping off this cliff suddenly seemed totally (5)!

I hesitated for a moment. But I had to do it. I (6)..... a deep breath and began to move forwards. After only five steps I was lifted up into the air by the wind. I gasped as I flew over the (7) of the cliff. Excitement surged through me, and I (8) to laugh. I was excited and afraid at the same time, and I loved it. I (9) the control bar tightly, as if that was the only thing (10)me from falling as I hung hundreds of metres above the valley spread out below.

All too soon I was over the landing field, and I had to (11) hard on getting down safely. When I finally landed, I was triumphant. I had flown like a bird, and I would never be the (12) person again.

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| 1 A floor | <input checked="" type="radio"/> B ground | C base | D bottom |
| 2 A reviewed | B reminded | C reconsidered | <input checked="" type="radio"/> D realised |
| 3 A long | <input checked="" type="radio"/> B far | C further | D away |
| 4 <input checked="" type="radio"/> A over | B out | C by | D in |
| 5 A indecisive | B unrepeatable | <input checked="" type="radio"/> C unreasonable | D insensitive |
| 6 A had | <input checked="" type="radio"/> B took | C caught | D got |
| 7 A bit | B section | C border | <input checked="" type="radio"/> D edge |
| 8 A burst | <input checked="" type="radio"/> B started | C set | D felt |
| 9 <input checked="" type="radio"/> A held | B carried | C touched | D reached |
| 10 A closing | B getting | <input checked="" type="radio"/> C stopping | D making |
| 11 A attend | B consider | <input checked="" type="radio"/> C concentrate | D apply |
| 12 A equal | <input checked="" type="radio"/> B same | C similar | D typical |

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