

SENTENCE TRANSFORMATIONS: COMMON PAIRS

if + negative verb	They know they won't get better if they don't practise.
unless + positive verb	They know they won't get better UNLESS they practise.
Past simple	When Tim was younger, he often went to the zoo.
Used to + inf	When Tim was younger, he USED TO go to the zoo.
as + adj + as	I'm not as tall as my sister.
comparative adj + than	My sister is TALLER THAN me.
active	Over 8,000 years ago, people GREW food there.
passive	Over 8,000 years ago, food was grown there.
Past simple + ago	John started working at the Unione Sarda 6 months ago .
Present perfect + for/ since	John HAS WORKED/ HAS BEEN WORKING at the Unione Sarda for 6 months.
Because (reason)	John became a journalist because he liked writing.
So (result)	John liked writing SO he became a journalist.
not adj enough	Tom isn't well enough to go to school.
Too (opposite) adj	Tom is TOO ILL/ SICK/ UNWELL to go to school.
Direct speech	" I went to the theatre to see a new play," said Jane.
Reported speech	Jane said that SHE HAD BEEN to the theatre to see a new play.
There is/ are	There are 1000 students in this school.
Has/ have (got)	This school has (got) 1000 students.

Such a/an + adj + sing c.n. Such + adj + unc.n./ pl.c.n.	It's such a huge desert. /They are such lovely people./ It is such bad weather.
So + adj	The desert is so huge. / The people are so lovely./ The weather is so bad.