

PET Writing Part 1: sentence transformations

Matching patterns:

*past simple + ago present perfect + for OR since*  
*past simple used to + base inf*  
*comparisons*  
*active passive*  
*there is/ are has/ have got*  
*my/ your etc (noun) a (noun) of mine/ yours etc*

A Correct the mistake in the second sentences:

- 1 My grandfather is older than my grandmother.  
*My grandmother isn't as old than my grandfather.*
- 2 One of my neighbours lent me some money.  
*A neighbour of me lent me some money.*
- 3 Sweets are sold in that shop.  
*That shop is sold sweets.*
- 4 This college has got 1500 students.  
*There is 1500 students in this college.*
- 5 Sam arrived at work 1 hour ago.  
*Sam is at work for 1 hour.*

B Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use **no more than three words**.

- 0 Katie bought a new mobile phone two weeks ago.  
*Katie's had her new mobile phone ..... two weeks.*
- 1 It was smaller than all the other phones in the shop.  
*It was ..... phone in the shop.*
- 2 Her friend has a similar one.  
*A friend of ..... has a similar one.*
- 3 There's a silver cover on her phone.  
*Her phone ..... a silver cover.*
- 4 She had a really old phone before.  
*She ..... to have a really old phone.*
- 5 She was given that phone by her brother.  
*Her brother .....that phone .*

*such + noun\* so + adj*

*if + negative unless + positive*

*suggested + vb- ing why don't we + base inf?*

*it was the first hadn't + pp before*

*like ... more than ... prefer... to ...*

0 Sofi and her friend first became interested in dance when they were very young.

*Sofi and her friend ..... interested in dance since they were very young.*

1 Last month, Sofi's friend suggested joining a dance class.

*Last month, Sofi's friend said, 'Why ..... join a dance class?'*

2 It was the first dance class they had ever been to.

*They ..... to a dance class before.*

3 They both like modern dance more than ballet.

*They both prefer modern dance ..... ballet.*

4 They know they won't get better if they don't practice.

*They know they won't get better ..... practice.*

5 It was such a good class they decided to go regularly.

*The class was ..... good they decided to go regularly.*

What are the matching pairs here?

She cooked the meal by herself.

*She cooked the meal on her own.*

Sue was able to finish everything yesterday.

*Sue succeeded in finishing everything yesterday.*

You cannot smoke in here.

*You are not allowed to smoke in here.*

I should study harder.

*I ought to study harder.*

I love history although I don't study it seriously.

*I love history despite the fact that I don't study it seriously.*

More matching patterns: