

## PET Writing Part 1 Transformations Exercises

COMPLETE THE SECOND SENTENCE USING ONE, TWO OR THREE WORDS ONLY.

Passive to active and active to passive transformations (These constitute around 10% of transformations).

1 Their father was given his first pony by his grandmother.

**Their father's grandmother ..... his first pony.**

2 At our school the students are lent the text books by the school.

**Our school ..... the text books to the students.**

3 A free documentary film is included in the exhibition.

**The exhibition ..... a free documentary film.**

4 Seat belts must be worn by all passengers.

**All passengers ..... seat belts.**

5 Sarah's friends gave her a smart phone for her leaving present.

**Sarah ..... given a smart phone for her leaving present by her friends.**

Comparatives, as... as, the same as & prefer transformations (These constitute nearly one per exam).

6 Sarah's smartphone is very similar to her father's smartphone.

**Sarah's smart phone is nearly the same ..... her father's smartphone.**

7 A smartphone is Sarah's favourite possession.

**Sarah likes her smartphone more .....any of her other possessions.**

8 Gmail accounts are generally better than other email services.

**Other email services are generally not as ..... gmail accounts.**

9 The Italian restaurant is cheaper than the Greek restaurant.

**The Italian restaurant costs ..... than the Greek restaurant.**

10 He prefers playing soccer to playing rugby.

**He likes playing soccer ..... playing rugby.**

11 No other cathedral is as old as Chartre in France.

**Chartre is ..... any other cathedral in France.**

12 I like working with other people more than on my own.

**I ..... working with other people to working on my own.**

13 She found Arabic easier to learn than she had expected.

**It wasn't ..... to learn Arabic as she had expected.**

14 Skiing is not as dangerous as kitesurfing.

**Skiing is ..... dangerous than kitesurfing.**



**Past simple, present perfect, never and the first time... . (These constitute around 12% of Part 1 questions.)**

15 Sarah has never had a smartphone before.

**This is the ..... that Sarah has had a smartphone.**

16 Joe said that he had never been to Rome.

**Joe said, "I ..... been to Rome.**

17 We haven't been to the theatre for a long time.

**It's a long time since we ..... to the theatre.**

18 Nick joined a golf club a year ago.

**Nick ..... a member of a golf club for a year.**

19 They had not been to South Korea before.

**It ..... the first time they had been to South Korea.**

20 This will be my first visit to Brazil.

**I've ..... to Brazil before.**

**Quantifiers: a few, not many, most, all etc (These constitute around 8% of Part 1 questions).**

21 Most Valencians love rice.

**Nearly ..... Valencians love rice.**

22 There are only a few swimming pools in my town.

**There aren't very ..... swimming pools in my town.**

23 It's too hot to play football.

**It's not cool ..... to play football.**

24 They said I was too old to start to learn the piano.

**They said I wasn't ..... to start to learn to play the piano.**

**Have/has => there is/are (These constitute around 8% of Part 1 questions).**

25 Each section has three parts.

**In each section ..... three parts.**

26 The Greek restaurant has a lovely garden.

**At the Greek restaurant ..... a lovely garden.**

27 Nick's golf club had an important competition last month.

**There ..... an important competition at Nick's golf club last month.**

28 There are three tennis courts at the sports centre.

**The sports centre ..... three tennis courts.**



**So do I/So does she (These constitute around 6% of Part 1 questions).**

29 Sarah likes sending photos via whatsapp and all her friends do too.

**Sarah likes sending photos via whatsapp and ..... do all her friends.**

30 We love miso soup and our children love it too.

**We love miso soup and so ..... our children.**

31 Both my friend and I enjoy going to the cinema.

**I enjoy going to the cinema and ..... my friend.**

**Close to/far from/near (These constitute around 6% of Part 1 questions).**

32 Covent Garden is close to Oxford Street.

**Covent Garden is not ..... Oxford Street.**

33 Nick's house is quite near the golf club.

**Nick's house is not very ..... from the golf club.**

34 The Greek restaurant is quite near our house.

**The Greek restaurant is not too ..... from our house.**

**Reported speech to direct speech (These constitute around 6% of Part 1 questions).**

35 I asked Sarah if she wanted to come to the Greek restaurant with me.

**I asked Sarah, " ..... want to come to the Greek restaurant with me?"**

36 Joe said that he had never been to Rome.

**Joe said, " I ..... to Rome."**

37 Maria suggested visiting the Sagrada Familia cathedral in Barcelona.

**Maria said, " If I were you, I ..... visit the Sagrada Familia cathedral in Barcelona."**

**Antonyms [opposites] and Synonyms (These constitute around 10% of Part 1 questions).**

38 Soccer is a very easy game to learn.

**It is not very ..... to learn how to play soccer.**

39 School trips can teach you a lot.

**You can ..... a lot on a school trip.**

40 It costs 30 Euros to visit the aquarium in Valencia.

**You have to ..... 30 Euros to visit the aquarium in Valencia.**

41 My teacher has lent me a great book.

**I have ..... a great book from my teacher.**

42 You can do this with my help or by yourself.

**You can do this with my help or on ..... own.**



**Infinitive of purpose (These constitute around 4% of Part 1 questions).**

43 Sarah uses her smartphone for sending whatsapp messages.

**Sarah uses her smartphone ..... send whatsapp messages.**

44 Making your own muesli doesn't take you long.

**It doesn't take you long ..... your own muesli.**

**Indefinite pronouns [nothing, anyone etc] (These constitute around 4% of Part 1 questions).**

45 It costs nothing to open a gmail account.

**It doesn't cost ..... to open a gmail account.**

46 Everyone in our class loves watching cartoons in English.

**In our class, all of us ..... watching cartoons in English.**

**Unless (These constitute around 4% of Part 1 questions).**

47 If we don't practise every day, we won't improve.

**You won't improve ..... you practise every day.**

48 You can't come to the cinema with us unless you bring some money.

**You can come to the cinema with us ..... you bring some money.**

**Second conditional (These constitute around 4% of Part 1 questions).**

49 Why don't you join a photography club?

**If I were you, I ..... join a photography club.**

50 Maria suggested visiting the Sagrada Familia cathedral in Barcelona.

**Maria said, "If I were you, I ..... visit the Sagrada Familia cathedral in Barcelona."**

**What about + -ING/Shall we... (These constitute around 4% of Part 1 questions).**

51 What about eating out tonight?

**Shall ..... eat out tonight?**

**Have versus have got (These constitute around 2% of Part 1 questions).**

52 She doesn't have that car anymore.

**She ..... got that car anymore.**



**During and While (These constitute around 2% of Part 1 questions).**

53 Jane will probably visit us while she's in London.

**Jane will probably visit us ..... her stay in London.**

**Negative infinitives (These constitute around 2% of Part 1 questions).**

54 It is essential to be on time.

**It's essential ..... late.**

**Other types of transformation (These constitute around 2% of Part 1 questions).**

55 I saw one of my friends walking down the high street yesterday.

**I saw a friend of ..... walking down the high street yesterday.**

56 Nick loves playing golf.

**Nick is very keen ..... playing golf.**

57 Nick walks to the golf club in 10 minutes.

**It ..... Nick 10 minutes to walk to the golf club.**

58 Members can play golf any day of the week.

**..... possible for members to play tennis any day of the week.**



## ANSWERS

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