

## ANSWERS TO REWRITING EXERCISES (1-101)

1. Could I borrow your dictionary, please?  
Could you **lend me your dictionary, please?**
2. Robin said he would go to the theatre with me.  
"I'll go to the theatre with you," Robin said.
3. How long is it since they won the lottery?  
When **did they win the lottery?**
4. Five people were standing in front of me in the queue.  
There **were five people standing in front of me in the queue.**
5. It's very easy to work for her.  
She **is very easy to work for.**
6. Few students in our class have a driving licence.  
Not **many students in our class have a driving licence.**
7. They are going to buy several plants for their garden.  
Several plants **are going to be bought for their garden.**
8. I don't draw as well as my cousin does.  
My cousin **draws better than I do.**
9. Who is the owner of that dog?  
Who does **this dog belong to?**
10. I usually buy my clothes in that shop.  
That's **the shop where I buy my clothes/ That's the shop I buy my clothes in.**
11. There wasn't anybody in the classroom.  
There was **nobody in the classroom.**
12. They are going to clean our school today.  
Our school **is going to be cleaned today.**
13. The storm frightened us very much.  
We **were very frightened by/because of the storm.**
14. They finished their studies ten years ago.  
It is **ten years since they have finished their studies.**
15. I'll help you with your composition if you like.  
Would you **like me to help you with your composition?**
16. There were no onions in the fridge.  
There weren't **any onions in the fridge.**
17. How long is it since you broke your arm?  
When **did you break your arm?**
18. Betty said she couldn't remember her aunt's telephone number.  
"I **can't remember my aunt's telephone number,**" said Betty.
19. We seldom drink spirits.  
We don't **drink spirits very often.**
20. Is this hamster Jimmy's?  
Does **this hamster belong to Jimmy?**
21. Mr Green is repairing the car.  
The car **is being repaired by Mr Green.**
22. The child had a birthmark on his face.  
There **was a birthmark on the child's face.**
23. It's good to start with this topic.  
This is a good **topic to start with.**
24. Shall we go out tonight?  
Why **don't we go out tonight?**
25. She has cooked the chicken with little oil.  
The chicken **has been cooked with little oil.**
26. Being always by yourself will drive you crazy.  
Being always on **your own will drive you crazy.**
27. My grandmother said, "I enjoyed myself very much in my youth."  
My grandmother said **she had enjoyed herself very much in her youth.**
28. Remember to post this letter.  
Don't **forget to post this letter.**
29. Everybody should speak at least two languages.  
At least two languages **should be spoken by everybody.**
30. I suggest we have a glass of champagne together.  
Why **don't we have a glass of champagne together.**
31. She was sad because she didn't have many friends.  
She was sad because she had **few friends.**
32. When did her train leave?  
How long **ago did her train leave?**
33. Tom said he had visited that museum two years before.  
"I **visited this/that museum two years ago,**" Tom said/said Tom.
34. Can you lend me your bicycle, please?

- Can I **borrow your bicycle, please?**
35. My friend is an only child.  
My friend hasn't got **any brothers or sisters.**
36. Don't you have any cheaper cardigans?  
Are these **the cheapest cardigans (that) you have?**
37. "We started our holiday last week," the children said.  
The children said **(that) they had started their holiday the week before/previous week.**
38. Shall I carry your suitcase?  
Would you **like me to carry your suitcase?**
39. The school where I learned to read is near my house.  
The school I **learned to read in is near my house.**
40. How deep is the swimming pool?  
What's **the depth of the swimming pool?**
41. "I'll go to the supermarket tomorrow," he said.  
He said **(that) he would go to the supermarket the following day/next day/day after.**
42. Harry offered to drive me home.  
"I'll **drive you home,**" said Harry.
43. There is a choice of about twenty dishes in our menu.  
You **can choose between twenty (different) dishes in our menu.**
44. The film started before we arrived at the cinema.  
By the time **we arrived at the cinema the film had started,**
45. She had expected better results in her exams.  
Her exam results were **not so/as good as/worse than she had expected.**
46. "What are we going to have for lunch?" he asked his mother.  
He asked **his mother what they were going to have for lunch.**
47. Although it was hot she was still shivering.  
Despite **the heat, she was still shivering.**
48. "Can you lend me ten pounds, Charles?" said Martin.  
Martin asked **Charles to lend him ten pounds.**
49. Paul hasn't smoked for three years.  
Paul gave **up smoking three years ago.**
50. You shouldn't eat fish unless it is fresh.  
If **fish isn't fresh, you shouldn't eat it.**
51. George has never been to a circus before.

- It's **the first time (that) George has ever been to a circus.**
52. The cake was so good that I couldn't help eating it.  
It was such **a good cake that I couldn't help eating it.**
53. It's not necessary for them to attend the lecture.  
They **needn't/don't need to/don't have to attend the lecture.**
54. Have you eaten all the peanuts?  
Aren't **there any peanuts left?**
55. It has been ages since he studied History.  
He **hasn't studied History for ages.**
56. "When is Mary's birthday?" John asked me.  
John asked **me when Mary's birthday was.**
57. They went on an excursion in spite of the cold.  
Although **it was cold, they went on an excursion.**
58. I regret not going by car.  
I wish **I had gone by car.**
59. I haven't been to England for two and a half years.  
I last **went to/visited England two and a half years ago.**
60. Nobody is using the typewriter.  
The typewriter **is not being used.**
61. William and Tina are getting married next Sunday.  
William and Tina's marriage **will take place next Sunday.**
62. How long did she take to read the whole novel?  
How long did it **take her to read the whole novel?**
63. Martin hasn't seen his cousin since Easter.  
The last time Martin **saw his cousin was at Easter.**
64. Playing with a video game is very boring.  
It **is very boring to play with a video game.**
65. She regrets having argued with her boyfriend.  
If only **she hadn't argued with her boyfriend.**
66. "Don't park here," the traffic warden said to us.  
The traffic warden told **us not to park there.**
67. You shouldn't smoke so many cigarettes a day.  
You ought to **smoke fewer cigarettes a day.**
68. He was very tired after running the marathon.

- Running the marathon was **very tiring for him**.
69. "Whose are these pencils?" the teacher asked.  
The teacher asked **whose those pencils were**.
70. I like her although she gets angry easily.  
I like her in **spite of the fact that she gets angry easily**.
71. They started to sing together six months ago.  
They have **been singing together for six months**.
72. My neighbours are always shouting, which is horrible.  
I wish **my neighbours wouldn't shout**.
73. They were mending the dishwasher for two hours.  
The dishwasher **was being mended for two hours**.
74. The boat was so far away that I couldn't see it.  
The boat was too **far away for me to see/to be seen**.
75. You would avoid failing your test by studying hard.  
If **you studied hard, you would avoid failing/would pass/wouldn't fail**.
76. That house is too expensive for me to buy.  
I can't **afford to buy that house/buy that house because it's too expensive for me**.
77. It would be a good idea to speak to the manager of the hotel.  
You had **better speak to the manager of the hotel**.
78. The drug problem worries many parents.  
Many parents find **the drug problem worrying**.
79. "Turn down the radio, please," Bill asked me.  
Bill asked me **to turn down the radio**.
80. James started going out with Jane two years ago.  
James has **been going out with Jane for two years (now)/for the last two years**.
81. I'm quite certain that isn't John's car. His is blue.  
That car **can't be John's. His is blue**.
82. Children must not use the lift.  
The lift **must not be used by children**.
83. I had never seen a more beautiful girl.  
She was **the most beautiful girl I had ever seen**.
84. I have to tell you something. Listen to it.  
Listen to **what I have to tell you**.
85. The exams were so easy that she passed them all in June.

- They were **such easy exams that she passed them all in June**.
86. "What's Christine's postal code?" Simon said.  
Simon asked **what Christine's postal code was**.
87. He usually gets to school in ten minutes.  
It **usually takes him ten minutes to get to school**.
88. I don't like the place where I live.  
I wish **I didn't live in this place/lived in a different place/lived somewhere else**.
89. The boss is ordering the employees to work harder.  
The employees **are being ordered to work harder by the boss**.
90. Although she was very tired she went to do the shopping.  
Despite **being very tired/her tiredness/the fact that she was very tired, she went to do the shopping**.
91. Working so much at night is bad for his eyes.  
It **is bad for his eyes to work so much at night**.
92. Diana asked him not to leave her alone.  
"Please, **don't leave me alone**," said Diana.
93. The fish was so frozen that we couldn't cook it.  
The fish was too **frozen to be cooked**.
94. They learned less than they had expected.  
They didn't **learn as much as they had expected**.
95. She tried to cut the steak but it was too rough.  
The steak **was too tough/wasn't tender enough for her to cut**.
96. She only got angry because he forgot to phone her.  
If **he hadn't forgotten to phone her, she wouldn't have got angry**.
97. She is the most patient person I have ever met.  
I have **never met a more/such a patient person**.
98. He didn't pass his exam although he studied hard.  
In **spite of studying hard/the fact that he studied hard, he didn't pass his exam**.
99. It would have been a good idea to rent a car for our holiday.  
I wish **I/we had rented a car for our holiday**.
100. Unless you looked after your teeth, you'd have problems with them.  
If **you didn't look after your teeth, you'd have problems with them**.
101. "How long did it take you to get to the airport?" she asked me.  
She asked **me how long it had taken me to get to the airport**.