

ANSWERS TO REWRITING EXERCISES (102-271)

102. Although she was sad, she was playing with her son for an hour.
In spite of being sad/of her sadness/of the fact that he was sad, she was playing with her son...
103. Was the girl taken to hospital by her father?
Did the girl's father take her to hospital?
104. It's not necessary for her to buy all that amount of food.
She doesn't have to buy all that amount of food.
105. I was so bored by the book that I took it back to the library.
The book was so boring that I took it back to the library.
106. "Don't sing so loudly," I told him.
I told him not to sing so loudly.
107. We'll have the party outdoors if it isn't cold.
Unless it's cold, we'll have the party outdoors.
108. Despite his speed, he couldn't win the race.
Although he was fast, he couldn't win the race.
109. My neighbour's horrible dog is always barking.
I wish my neighbour's dog would stop barking.
110. Unless you kick the ball very hard, it won't reach the goal.
If you don't kick the ball very hard, it won't reach the goal.
111. You must be eighteen years old if you want to buy alcoholic drinks in a bar.
You cannot buy alcoholic drinks in a bar unless you are (over) eighteen years old.
112. Although she had no experience, she looked after the dog very well.
In spite the fact that she had no experience/her lack of experience, she looked after the dog very well.
113. You should call an ambulance only if there is an emergency.
Do not call an ambulance unless there is an emergency.
114. Teaching young children is very rewarding.
It is very rewarding to teach young children.
115. I told her the bad news as soon as she had finished her dinner.
I waited until she had finished her dinner to tell her the bad news.
116. She sings better than anybody in our choir.
Nobody in our choir sings better than her/as well as she sings.
117. Despite her age, your mother is still very active.
Although your mother is rather/quite old, she is still very active.
118. Richard was sorry he had drunk so much.
Richard wished he hadn't drunk so much.
119. Nobody gave me anything for my birthday.
I was given nothing for my birthday.
120. You won't understand the text if you don't read it thoroughly.
Unless you read the text thoroughly, you won't understand it.
121. The electrician mended our lamps last week.
We had/got our lamps mended by the electrician last week.
122. "How long have you had that pain in your side?" the doctor asked her.
The doctor asked her how long she had had that pain in her side.
123. Despite all his efforts, he only passed two exams.
Even though he made a great effort, he only passed two exams.
124. Nobody helped her when she had an accident.
She didn't receive/get/have any help when she had an accident.
125. Robert has broken his leg again.
It's the second time (that) Robert has broken his leg.
126. If the day had been sunny, we would have been sunbathing.
The day hasn't been sunny, so we haven't been sunbathing.
127. I last saw Jim when we went to your party.
I haven't seen Jim since we went to your party.
128. She didn't buy the belt because she didn't have her credit card.
If she had had her credit card, she would have bought the belt.
129. I went to the park in half an hour.
It took me half an hour to go/get to the park.
130. My brother says he would like to have bought a bigger flat.
My brother wishes he had bought a bigger flat.
131. Growing your own vegetables is very relaxing.
It is very relaxing to grow your own vegetables.
132. If you speak more languages you will find travelling easier.
The more languages you speak, the easier you will find travelling.
133. "Why don't you go to the police, Peter?" said Jane.
Jane suggested going/that Peter (should) go to the police.
134. He was driving very fast because he was in a hurry.

- If he hadn't been in a hurry, he wouldn't be driving so fast.
135. I'd lend you my dictionary only if you took care of it.
I'd lend you my dictionary as long as you took care of it.
136. If you don't dress properly, you won't go to the party with me.
Unless you dress properly, you won't go to the party with me.
137. "I'll bring you a present from Japan," his father said.
His father promised her to bring her a present from Japan.
138. If I had known you were in trouble, I would have helped you.
As I didn't know you were in trouble, I didn't /couldn't help you.
139. It is said that Miss Green has ten cats in her flat.
Miss Green is said to have ten cats in her flat.
140. I'd give you a sweet if you behaved well.
Unless you behaved well, I wouldn't give you a sweet.
141. "What about having a drink in my house?" said Susan.
Susan suggested having a drink/that we (could) have a drink in her house.
142. It is believed that he has got divorced twice.
He is believed to have got divorced twice.
143. There's no need to take a sleeping bag for the journey.
It isn't necessary to take a sleeping bag for the journey.
144. Sarah didn't attend the class because she overslept.
If Sarah hadn't overslept, she would have attended the class.
145. He kept some coins because he thought he might need them for the phone.
He kept some coins in case he might need them for the phone.
146. "Be careful when you throw the broken glass to the dustbin," he said to me.
He told me to be careful when I threw the broken glass to the dustbin.
147. I didn't have your address, so I didn't pay you a visit.
If I had had your address, I would have paid you a visit.
148. This diamond is said to be very valuable.
They say that this diamond is very valuable.
149. "I'm sorry I spoke to you like that," she said to her friend.
She apologised for speaking to her friend like that.
150. It is expected that his latest film will be a success.
His latest film is expected to be a success.
151. If she had received the message, she would have phoned back.
- She didn't receive the message, so she didn't phone back.
152. Do you really need to make up so much?
Is it really necessary for you to make up so much?
153. He warned the child not to swim in the deepest part of the swimming pool.
"Don't swim in the deepest part of the swimming pool," he said to the child.
154. The plumber turned on the tap so as to check that it didn't work properly.
The plumber turned on the tap in order to check that it didn't work properly.
155. The cheque is not valid without your signature.
Unless you sign the cheque, it won't be valid.
156. "I won't eat the beans," the boy said.
The boy refused to eat the beans.
157. People say this is the best restaurant in town.
This restaurant is said to be the best in town.
158. I can't stand people eating popcorn in the cinema.
I wish people didn't eat popcorn/would stop eating popcorn in the cinema.
159. I'm afraid the dentist will have to fill my tooth.
I'm afraid I'll have to get/have my teeth filled by the dentist.
160. My father will buy me a motorbike provided I pass my exams.
My father will buy me a motorbike as long as pass my exams.
161. "I didn't eat all the strawberries in the bowl," the child said.
The child denied having eaten/eating all the strawberries in the bowl.
162. It's known that he was paid a lot of money for his silence.
He is known to have been paid a lot of money for his silence.
163. Peter went to bed early so he didn't watch his favourite programme.
If Peter hadn't gone to bed so early, he would have watched his favourite programme.
164. The problem with the waiter was my fault.
I was to blame for the problem with the waiter.
165. The doctor insists that his patients should be vaccinated.
The doctor insists on his patients being vaccinated/vaccinating his patients.
166. You cannot come to the disco with us unless you are over sixteen.
You can come to the disco with us provided you are over sixteen/you are not under sixteen.
167. It is expected that the king will travel to India next month.
The king is expected to travel to India next month.

168. He offered me his umbrella.
He offered his **umbrella to me**.
169. Having finished his meal, he asked for the bill.
As soon **as he had finished his meal, he asked for the bill**.
170. When he started the car he realized there was somebody behind him.
On **starting the car he realized there was somebody behind him**.
171. He said he was sorry he hadn't done the ironing.
He apologised **for not having done the ironing**.
172. "I broke the mirror," she said.
She admitted **breaking/having broken the mirror**.
173. She didn't remember the title of the book so she couldn't ask for it.
If **she had remembered the title of the book, she could have asked for it**.
174. His book will be published provided he takes his manuscript to the editor.
Unless **he takes his manuscript to the editor, his book won't be published**.
175. Don't you think you should switch off the light now?
Don't you think it's time **you switched off the light now?**
176. She crossed the street so as not to meet Helen.
She crossed the street to avoid **meeting Helen**.
177. "I won't sleep on the floor," he said.
He refused **to sleep on the floor**.
178. It is believed that the plane disappeared in the triangle of the Bermuda.
The plane **is believed to have disappeared in triangle of the Bermuda**.
179. Your mother need not have done the cleaning.
It wasn't **necessary for your mother to have done/to do the cleaning**
180. She should have her car fixed before starting her journey.
Her car needs **to be fixed before starting her journey**.
181. She had very little experience. Nevertheless, she got the job.
Although **she had very little experience, she got the job**.
182. Bring a map so that we don't get lost.
In case **we get lost, bring a map**.
183. I reminded him six times, nevertheless he still forgot.
Although **I reminded him six times, he still forgot**.
184. The boat was unable to leave, There was a storm.
Due **to a storm, the boat was unable to leave**.
185. If you pay him well, he'll do a good job.
Provided **you pay him well, he'll do a good job**.
186. If you pay the rent, you can stay here.
As long as **you pay the rent, you can stay here**.
187. Our flight was delayed because there was a strike by air traffic controllers.
Due **to a strike/to the fact there was a strike by air traffic controllers, our flight was delayed**.
188. I won't lend you my car if you don't promise to drive carefully.
Unless **you promise to drive carefully, I won't lend you my car**.
189. I couldn't eat although I was very hungry.
Despite **(my) being very hungry/the fact was very hungry/my great hunger, I couldn't eat**.
190. If you take your time, you won't find it difficult.
As long as **you take your time, you won't find it difficult**.
191. It would be wise for us to take raincoats.
We'd **better take raincoats**.
192. This suitcase is too small for all my things.
This suitcase is not **big/large enough for all my things**.
193. Their house is so far away that we can't walk there.
It is such **a long way to their house that we can't walk there**.
194. 'Can you guess who ha just left?' he asked us.
He asked us if **we could guess who had just left**.
195. The architect worked on the plans for six months.
The architect spent **six months working on the plans**.
196. On the day she agreed to marry him, he was happier than he had ever been in his life.
The day she agreed to marry him was **the happiest day in his life**.
197. I haven't seen so much rain for a long time.
It's **a long time since I have seen so much rain**.
198. Malcolm was originally going to buy a car, but he bought a motor-cycle instead.
Instead **of (originally) buying a car, he bought a motor-cycle**.
199. Please explain this letter to me.
Please tell me **the meaning of this letter/what this letter means**.
200. You cannot go into that restaurant without a jacket and tie.
Unless **you wear a jacket and tie, you cannot go into that restaurant**.

201. It is high time for us to go home.
It's time we **went home**.
202. I can study properly only if I sit at a desk.
Sitting at a desk **is essential for me/is the only way for me to study properly**.
203. Jennifer regretted her foolish behaviour.
Jennifer wished **she hadn't behaved so foolishly**.
204. We took more clothes than we needed on holiday last summer.
We needn't **have taken so many clothes on holiday last summer**.
205. Is it really necessary for me to arrive so early?
Do I **really have to arrive so early?**
206. Someone has stolen the boss's car.
The boss has **been robbed his car**.
207. Take an umbrella with you. It may rain this afternoon.
Take an umbrella in **case it may rain this afternoon**.
208. We worked on the garden the whole weekend.
We spent **the whole weekend working on the garden**.
209. Two new suits are being made for him.
He is **being made two new suits**.
210. Leonard felt sick because he was eating polluted shellfish.
If Leonard **hadn't been eating polluted fish, he wouldn't have felt sick**.
211. The only thing I forgot to put in the picnic basket was the bottle-opener.
I remembered **to put everything in the picnic basket but/except the bottle-opener**.
212. It is said that he escaped to a neutral country.
He **is said to have escaped to a neutral country**.
213. Oil was slowly covering the sand of the beach.
The sand of the beach **was being slowly covered by/with oil**.
214. In spite of all our efforts, we failed.
Although **we made a great effort/did our best, we failed**.
215. We'd prefer you not to wear those slippers in the office, Miss Blake.
We'd rather **you didn't wear those slippers in the office, Miss Blake**.
216. The storm blew the roof off the house.
The house **roof was blown off by the storm**.
217. You really should be able to dress yourself by now, Elsie.
It's time you **were able to dress yourself, Elsie**.
218. This is the quickest way to get into the centre of the city.
There's **no quickest way to get into the centre of the city**.
219. Only one person knew what had caused the fire.
The cause **of the fire was only known by one person**.
220. I don't think this punch-bowl has enough brandy in it.
There is too **little brandy in this punch-bowl**.
221. Provided your handwriting is legible, the examiners will accept your paper.
As long as the examiners **find your handwriting legible, they will accept your paper**.
222. I'll take a mackintosh because it may rain this evening.
In case **it may rain this evening, I'll take a mackintosh**.
223. There are a lot of people dependent on him.
He **has a lot of people depending on him/under his responsibility**.
224. What I admire most about him is his absolute frankness.
His absolute frankness, more **than any other thing, is what I admire about him**.
225. How did you get the idea that they're rich?
What made **you think that they're rich?**
226. We could have done more for them really.
We didn't **do for them all we really could**.
227. I won't keep you long. I know you're in a hurry.
I won't take up **too long/too much time. I know you're in a hurry**.
228. As one grows older one becomes more intolerant.
The older **one grows/gets, the more intolerant one becomes**.
229. The fourth time he asked her to marry him, she accepted.
Only on his fourth **marriage proposal/request to marry him, she accepted**.
230. Immediately after his arrival home a water-heater exploded.
Hardly **had he arrived at home, when a water-heater exploded**.
231. Patricia loves Mozart, and above all his operas.
Patricia loves Mozart, but what **she loves most about him are his operas**.
232. Whoever did that must have been a very brave person.
Only **a very brave person could have done that/such a thing**.
233. Doris tiptoed up the stairs because she didn't want to wake anyone up.
For fear **of waking anyone up, Doris tiptoed up the stairs**.
234. 'Why didn't you invite us too?' she said reproachfully.
She said: 'You might **have invited invited us too !!**'

235. Nancy is proud of being a good cook.
Nancy prides **herself on being a good cook.**
236. My protests were ignored by everybody.
Nobody **paid attention to my protests.**
237. I'm sure it was by mistake that he took your umbrella.
I'm sure he didn't **take your umbrella on purpose.**
238. We'll arrive soon – and then we'll all be able to have a beer.
Once **we have arrived we'll all be able to have a beer.**
239. Katherine is the only real friend that Dolly has.
Except **for Katherine, Dolly doesn't have any real friends.**
240. It's a great pity you wrote that letter.
I wish **you hadn't written that letter.**
241. Ralph's passport was nowhere to be found.
Nobody **could/was able to find Ralph's passport anywhere.**
242. The last time we were here was in 1980.
We **haven't been here since 1980.**
243. Rita doesn't realise how serious her husband's operation is going to be.
Little **does Rita realise how serious her husband's operation is going to be.**
244. He decided to repair the thing himself and not to take it back to the shop.
Rather **than taking the thing back to the shop, he decided to repair it himself.**
245. 'Please don't drive so fast!' Kathleen begged her boyfriend.
Kathleen pleaded **her boyfriend not to drive so fast.**
246. Offering her more money wouldn't make any difference.
Even if **he offered her more money, it wouldn't make any difference.**
247. But for Ivor's help we would have been in serious trouble.
If **Ivor hadn't helped us, we would have been in serious trouble.**
248. Driving at that speed is dangerous on this road, whether you are an experienced driver or not, Sir.
However **an experienced driver you might be, sir, driving at that speed is dangerous on this road.**
249. Your hair really needs cutting, doesn't it, Paddy?
Your hair really must **be cut, mustn't it, Paddy?**
250. It's such a wonderful opportunity that we mustn't miss it.
It's too **wonderful an opportunity for us to miss it.**
251. Paul left the room without saying a word.
Paul didn't **say a word as he left the room.**
252. I don't like this food as much as you do.
You **like this food more than I do.**
253. What particularly impressed me was her accent-free pronunciation.
I **was particularly impressed by her accent-free pronunciation.**
254. The result of the match was never in doubt.
At no time **the result of the match was in doubt.**
255. This will be the orchestra's first performance outside London.
This will be the first time **the orchestra has performed outside London.**
256. How long has this roof been leaking?
When **did this roof begin to leak?**
257. A waiter spilled soup over Lydia's new dress last night.
Lydia's **new dress was spilt over soup by a waiter last night.**
258. I haven't heard from home recently.
My **news from home have been none recently.**
259. I suppose you didn't enjoy that party very much, did you?
You can't **have enjoyed that party very much, can you?**
260. It's a good thing I had my cheque-book on me. We would have been in trouble otherwise.
If **I hadn't had my cheque-book on me, we would have been in trouble.**
261. It would be a good idea if you went and asked her yourself.
You'd **better go and ask her yourself.**
262. The violent criticism of the Prime Minister was quite unjustified.
There **was no justification for the Prime Minister's violent criticism.**
263. Whose is that car outside the gate?
Who does **that car outside the gate belong to ?**
264. If it doesn't rain soon, a lot of our crops will be lost.
Unless **it rains soon, a lot of our crops will be lost.**
265. It won't make any difference if it rains because we'll still go.
We'll still go **even though/if it rains.**
266. I would do anything in the world for him.
There's **nothing in the world that I wouldn't do for him.**
267. Veronica remembered and so did Dorothy.
Veronica didn't **remember and neither did Dorothy.**
268. What would your own reaction have been?

What reaction **would you have had/would yours have been?**

269. Aren't they ever going to bring us the breakfast I ordered for 8 o'clock?

Aren't we **ever going to be brought the breakfast I ordered for 8 o'clock?**

270. The people who were there can remember nothing unusual happening.

Nobody who **was there can remember anything unusual happening.**

271. It was my refusal to obey the policeman that caused my arrest.

It was because I **refused to obey the policeman that caused my arrest.**