

## **EXERCISE 1: SENTENCE TYPE**

*Write questions to which the following statements might be the answers.*

*The key words are the underlined ones.*

**Example 0:** At the meeting, the Board of Directors discussed the standard operating procedures for their hotel.

➔ What did the Board of Directors discuss for their hotel at the meeting?

1. He intended to remain here for two weeks.
2. You can give your old clothes to the poor.
3. She says she has two brothers.
4. It took them about four months to make this film.
5. The street is two miles long.
6. Blue, I think.
7. The weather here is mild.
8. That magnificent car is my brother's.
9. Their conversation was entirely about business matters.
10. The English for "kem" is "ice-cream".
11. All this time I have been thinking how nice it would be to be home again.
12. Yes, I think a short walk before supper is a very good idea.
13. My father is an engineer driver.
14. Well, I really want both of them.
15. It is a book on natural history that I am reading.
16. He charged me twenty bucks for a new hubcap.
17. It is approximately two hundred kilometers from Ho Chi Minh City to Phan Thiet.
18. She could not sleep a wink because of the coffee she had taken last night.
19. The river is about 30 feet deep.
20. She was fairly pleased with the outcome of her business this year.

### **ANSWER KEY**

1. How long did he intend to remain here?
2. Who can I give my old clothes to?  
(or) To whom can I give my old clothes?
3. How many brothers does she say she has?
4. How long did it take them to make this film?
5. How long is the street?
6. What color do you think the shirt in the box will be?
7. What is the weather like here?
8. Whose magnificent car is that?
9. What was their conversation entirely about?
10. What is the English for "kem"?

11. What have you been thinking all this time?
12. A short walk before supper is a very good idea, isn't it?  
(or) Do you think a short walk before supper is a very good idea?
13. What does your father do?  
(or) What is your job?
14. Which one do you want?
15. What is a book that you are reading about?
16. How much did he charge you for a new hubcap?
17. How far is it from Ho Chi Minh City to Phan Thiet?
18. Why couldn't she sleep a wink last night?
19. How deep is the river?
20. To what extent was she pleased with the outcome of her business this year?

## **EXERCISE 2: SENTENCE TYPE**

*Add question tags to the following*

1. I am admitted to that college, \_\_\_\_\_?
2. He used to live here, \_\_\_\_\_?
3. Everybody can't come in first, \_\_\_\_\_?
4. Everyone cheered wildly at the party, \_\_\_\_\_?
5. Very little progress has been made, \_\_\_\_\_?
6. A few people knew the answer, \_\_\_\_\_?
7. You seldom see them, \_\_\_\_\_?
8. He can hardly speak English, \_\_\_\_\_?
9. Anyone could do the work, \_\_\_\_\_?
10. We could scarcely hear what he said, \_\_\_\_\_?
11. There was no panic, \_\_\_\_\_?
12. Nobody complained about our service, \_\_\_\_\_?
13. She'd save money if she bought fresh food, \_\_\_\_\_?
14. He ought to have made a note of it, \_\_\_\_\_?
15. Neither of them offered to help you, \_\_\_\_\_?
16. They don't allow pet dogs in this shop, \_\_\_\_\_?
17. Nothing went wrong, \_\_\_\_\_?
18. We'd better get back in the car, \_\_\_\_\_?
19. It is a pity that Ann did not come with us, \_\_\_\_\_?
20. There used to be trees here, \_\_\_\_\_?

## **ANSWER KEY**

1. I am admitted to that college, *aren't I?*
2. He used to live here, *didn't he?*
3. Everybody can't come in first, *can they?*

4. Everyone cheered wildly at the party, *didn't they?*
5. Very little progress has been made, *has it?*
6. A few people knew the answer, *didn't they?*
7. You seldom see them, *do you?*
8. He can hardly speak English, *can he?*
9. Anyone could do the work, *couldn't they?*
10. We could scarcely hear what he said, *could we?*
11. There was no panic, *was there?*
12. Nobody complained about our service, *did they?*
13. She'd save money if she bought fresh food, *wouldn't she?*
14. He ought to have made a note of it, *oughtn't he?*
15. Neither of them offered to help you, *did they?*
16. They don't allow pet dogs in this shop, *do they?*
17. Nothing went wrong, *did it?*
18. We'd better get back in the car, *hadn't we?*
19. It is a pity that Ann did not come with us, *isn't it?*
20. There used to be trees here, *didn't there?*

### **EXERCISE 3: SENTENCE TYPE**

*Write down the function of each of these sentences. Choose from the functions below.*

Give information

Obtain information

Express an opinion

Give an order

Make a promise

Make a suggestion

1. I have been living here for a number of years.
2. Why did you do that?
3. That is exactly what I think.
4. If I were you, I would ask him myself.
5. I will write to you as soon as I can.
6. Sit down and listen to us.
7. It is on the corner by the traffic lights.
8. Could you tell me what this says?
9. Why don't you lie down and try to sleep?
10. It is time you left.
11. I will do whatever you say.
12. It is not as tasty as I would hope it would be.

### **ANSWER KEY**

1. I have been living here for a number of years. → Give information
2. Why did you do that? → Obtain information
3. That is exactly what I think. → Express an opinion
4. If I were you, I would ask him myself. → Make a suggestion
5. I will write to you as soon as I can. → Make a promise
6. Sit down and listen to us. → Give an order

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| <p>7. It is on the corner by the traffic lights. → Give information</p> <p>8. Could you tell me what this says? → Obtain information</p> <p>9. Why don't you lie down and try to sleep? → Make a suggestion</p> <p>10. It is time you left. → Make a suggestion</p> <p>11. I will do whatever you say. → Make a promise</p> <p>12. It is not as tasty as I would hope it would be. → Express an opinion</p> |
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#### **EXERCISE 4: SENTENCE STRUCTURE (NOUN CLAUSES)**

Complete the jokes by using one of the following noun clauses.

*you buried your grandmother yesterday*  
ask for

*anything you*

*the cat ate your dinner*

*you can't swim yet*

*you have taken an interest in the goldfish*

*your son needs glasses*

*Dr. Frankenstein has crossed an ostrich with a centipede*

*I am still living*

- A: You are the manager of this rock group, aren't you?

B: That's right. What can I do for you?

A: Does the band take requests?

B: Yes, I'm sure that they'll be able to play \_\_\_\_\_.

A: Wonderful! Could you ask them to play cards, and stop making that terrible noise!
- First scientist: Are you aware that \_\_\_\_\_.

Second scientist: What did he get?

First scientist: We don't know. We haven't managed to catch it yet.
- A: I understand that \_\_\_\_\_.

B: Yes. I am afraid we had to. She was dead.
- Instructor: Anne, I am disappointed that \_\_\_\_\_.

You have been to the pool hundreds of times and spent hours in the water.

Anne: But, sir, replied Anne, I have been breathing the air every day of my life and I still can't fly!
- A: Are you absolutely certain that \_\_\_\_\_?

B: Not really. They were his father's and I did not want to throw them out.
- Mrs. Baker was a terrible cook. One night her husband came home from work and there was nothing on the table.*

- What's for dinner tonight? He asked

- I'm afraid that \_\_\_\_\_, his wife replied.
  - Oh, well, said Mr. Baker sarcastically. I suppose I'll have to buy another cat!
7. Well, Bobby, I am pleased that \_\_\_\_\_! Have you been feeding them regularly?
- Yes, Dad.
- And have you give them with fresh water?
- What do you mean? They haven't finished the water I gave them last month!
8. - Doctor, it's a wonder that \_\_\_\_\_ I have a pain in my head. I can't stop coughing. I've lost a lot of weight. I can't move my left arm and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Ten minutes later the patient was still listing his problems. The doctor started to write something down.*
- Are you writing me a prescription?
  - No, it is a letter of introduction to the local undertaker!

**ANSWER KEY**

1. anything you ask for
2. Dr Frankenstein has crossed an ostrich with a centipede
3. you buried your grandmother yesterday
4. you can't swim yet
5. your son needs glasses
6. the cat ate your dinner
7. you have taken an interest in the goldfish
8. I am still living

**EXERCISE 5: SENTENCE STRUCTURES**

*Circle the best answer to each of the unfinished sentences below.*

1. Kelvin changed his major from Geography to Business Studies \_\_\_\_\_ improving his job prospects.  
 A. so that                      B. in account of                      C. with a view to                      D. in order to
2. Dr. Leung arranged some extra tutorials \_\_\_\_\_ give her students more opportunities to ask questions before the exam.  
 A. so as to                      B. with the result that                      C. because                      D. such
3. A key piece of equipment broke down \_\_\_\_\_ the laboratory session had to be cancelled.  
 A. in order that                      B. so that                      C. with a view to                      D. with the result that
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Tony has a very good foundation in English, he had little difficulty in passing the exam.  
 A. Although                      B. Because                      C. Accordingly                      D. However

5. Professor Li repeated the point in Cantonese \_\_\_\_\_ the students would fully understand.  
 A. in order to      B. owing to      C. because      D. so that
6. David was \_\_\_\_\_ busy with his final-year project that he was unable to take part in extra-curricular activities.  
 A. such      B. very      C. so      D. too
7. It was \_\_\_\_\_ a successful lecture series that the English Language Centre decided to repeat it the following semester.  
 A. such      B. very      C. too      D. so
8. The exam had to be postponed \_\_\_\_\_ the typhoon.  
 A. so as to      B. so that      C. despite      D. due to
9. Amy joined the English club \_\_\_\_\_ she wanted to increase her circle of friends.  
 A. since      B. so that      C. though      D. as soon as
10. Some liberals also expressed worry that the impact of the motion would be reduced \_\_\_\_\_ the current debate between Hong Kong and Britain on democratization.  
 A. in spite of      B. due to      C. in order that      D. whatever
11. \_\_\_\_\_ it is great fun, many people spend hours each day on the Internet.  
 A. Due to the fact that      B. So that      C. Resulting in      D. Although
12. \_\_\_\_\_ its download speed, Broadband has many advantages.  
 A. Owing to      B. Despite      C. When      D. In order for
13. \_\_\_\_\_ it discourages their children from socializing and sleeping, some parents are quite wary of having a computer at home.  
 A. With a view to      B. On      C. However      D. Because
14. The government increased the duty on wine, \_\_\_\_\_ in a fall in demand.  
 A. resulting      B. causing      C. leading      D. so as
15. Some people are not convinced that there is a serious risk to their health from smoking \_\_\_\_\_ tobacco firms put a health warning on every packet of cigarettes.  
 A. even though      B. but      C. despite that      D. owing to
16. \_\_\_\_\_ happens, I still look on the bright side.  
 A. However      B. Whenever      C. Wherever      D. Whatever
17. \_\_\_\_\_ her successful performance in recent years, Linda has been considered as the most talented singer of all her counterparts at her same age.  
 A. Despite      B. Thanks      C. On account of      D. In order to
18. Although she had saved for a long time, \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. and she was not able to afford that house

- B. so she was not able to afford that house
- C. she was not able to afford that house
- D. but she was not able to afford that house

19. The teacher explained the lessons slowly \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. to understand them clearly
- B. so that his students could understand them clearly
- C. in order to understand them clearly
- D. so as his students understand them clearly

20. \_\_\_\_\_ you have finished your work, you can go home.

- A. No sooner                      B. As soon as                      C. While                      D. Even if

ANSWER KEY				
1 C	2 A	3 D	4 B	5 D
6 C	7 A	8 D	9 B	10 B
11 A	12 A	13 D	14 A	15 A
16 D	17 C	18 C	19 B	20 B

**EXERCISE 6: SENTENCE STRUCTURES**

*Identify each sentence by writing Simple, Compound, or Complex on the line.*

1.	The movie was good, but I enjoyed the book more.	_____
2.	Her flight was cancelled, and the trip was postponed.	_____
3.	Katherine Lee, who was chosen to represent our school, could not attend the meeting.	_____
4.	The teachers and the students stood together.	_____
5.	The car skidded and almost struck a utility pole.	_____
6.	Lisa replaced the glass that she had broken.	_____
7.	Are you buying new clothes?	_____
8.	He used his computer to make party invitations.	_____
9.	When buses are delayed, students are usually late for school.	_____

10.	Disneyland and Hollywood are popular places to visit in California.	_____
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**ANSWER KEY**

1.	The movie was good, but I enjoyed the book more.	Compound sentence
2.	Her flight was cancelled, and the trip was postponed.	Compound sentence
3.	Katherine Lee, who was chosen to represent our school, could not attend the meeting.	Complex sentence
4.	The teachers and the students stood together.	Simple sentence
5.	The car skidded and almost struck a utility pole.	Compound sentence
6.	Lisa replaced the glass that she had broken.	Complex sentence
7.	Are you buying new clothes?	Simple sentence
8.	He used his computer to make party invitations.	Simple sentence
9.	When buses are delayed, students are usually late for school.	Complex sentence
10.	Disneyland and Hollywood are popular places to visit in California.	Simple sentence

**EXERCISE 7: SENTENCE STRUCTURES**

*Condense each of the following by substituting compound subjects and compound predicates for pairs of simple sentences or for compound sentences.*

- Jackie went to the Florida-Clemson game. Rebecca also went.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Peter Pan completed the book case. Then he began the chest of drawers.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- We visited the Grand Canyon and then we headed toward the Petrified Forest.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Bob's uncle appeared on Jeopardy, and he was the champion for three days.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- In the Midwest, Notre Dame usually has a strong football team. So does Michigan.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- I bought tickets for the rock concert Friday night. Chris did, too.  
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- He stopped at the mall, and after that he went to the CD store.  
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8. Hurricanes often travel up the East Coast. They can cause a lot of damage.

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9. Von studied his chemistry notes. He took the chemistry exam on Thursday.

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10. Cara stormed into the band practice room, and she took her seat.

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### ANSWER KEY

1. (Both) Jackie and Rebecca went to the Florida-Clemson game.
2. Peter Pan completed the book case and then began the chest of drawers.
3. We visited the Grand Canyon and then headed toward the Petrified Forest.
4. Bob's uncle appeared on Jeopardy and was the champion for three days.
5. In the Midwest, each of Notre Dame and Michigan usually has a strong football team.
6. Chris and I bought tickets for the rock concert Friday night.
7. He stopped at the mall, and then went to the CD store.
8. Hurricanes often travel up the East Coast and cause a lot of damage.
9. Von studied his chemistry notes for the chemistry exam on Thursday.
10. Cara stormed into the band practice room and took her seat.

### EXERCISE 8: SENTENCE STRUCTURES

*Combine each pair of sentences to make one complex sentence.*

1. The sunrise was beautiful. A storm rolled in by eleven.

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2. Nick made it to class on time. Miranda was late.

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3. Tom plays professional football. His brother is more talented in baseball.

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4. My brothers Sean and Ian are going skiing. The snow is deep enough.

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5. I left the note for the teacher. She never got my note.

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6. I will have to wait a long time to buy my ticket. The line of people stretched for blocks.

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7. Jeff is on the track team. He finished next to last in the first round of people vault.

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8. Don't forget to volunteer your time. The animal shelter needs a lot of help this time of year.

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9. The lawyer rose slowly. The jury looked at him with expectation.

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10. Carlo was studying in his room. Noisy construction was going on outside.

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### ANSWER KEY

1. Although the sunrise was beautiful, a storm rolled in by eleven.  
(No matter how beautiful the sunrise was, a storm rolled in by eleven.  
However beautiful the sunrise was, a storm rolled in by eleven.)
2. Nick made it to class on time while/ whereas Miranda was late.
3. Tom plays professional football while/ whereas his brother is more talented in baseball.
4. The snow is so deep that my brothers Sean and Ian are going skiing.  
(It is such deep snow that my brothers Sean and Ian are going skiing.)
5. Although I left the note for the teacher, she never got it.
6. The line of people was so long that I will have to wait a long time to buy my ticket.  
(It was such a long line of people that I will have to wait a long time to buy my ticket.)
7. After he finished next to last in the first round of pole vault, Jeff is on the track team.
8. Because the animal shelter needs a lot of help this time of year, do not forget to volunteer your time.
9. When the lawyer rose slowly, the jury looked at him with expectation.  
Carlo was studying in his room while noisy construction was going on outside.

### Exercise 9: Sentence structures

Transform the following by using the words in *italics*.

1. *so... that* As the lecturer spoke very fast I found it difficult to make any notes.
2. *as* He also spoke with a strong accent, so that I did not understand all he said.
3. *so* Since he is a very keen fisherman, Mr. McArthur spends a lot of time by the river.
4. *knowing* Mrs. McArthur knows that fishing is in his blood, and so does not try to stop him.
5. *because* There was a lot of rain last night and many of the roads are flooded.
6. *so* As the weather forecast is for more rain, I think we should postpone our trip.
7. *so that* Two years ago, there was such a bad drought that the wells in our village began to dry up.
8. *such... that* Soon there was a great shortage of water and we had to ration it.
9. *since* The next plane did not leave until the evening, and so they decided to spend the afternoon sightseeing.

10. *so... that*            However, they soon returned to the airport, as there was very little to see.
11. *for*                    I'd never talked to a film star before, so felt rather nervous.
12. *knowing*             She knew how I felt and soon put me at my ease.
13. *and so*                As my car would not start I had to take a taxi.
14. *realizing*            I realized that I'd be late for an appointment and phoned my secretary.
15. *having*                I was getting rather worried, as I had heard nothing from my husband for over a week.
16. *being*                 Ken is a friend of his and was getting worried too.
17. *because*              Willie has sprained his ankle, so found walking painful.
18. *such... that*         However, being a very rather reticent sort of fellow he said nothing about it.
19. *so*                     My father retired early because his health was poor.
20. *finding*               He found himself short of money, and so gave up smoking.
21. *such... that*         I kept my son home from school this morning as he had a very bad cough.
22. *so... that*            Very few of the children are well enough to perform in the school concert and so they have cancelled it.
23. *as*                     I'll be out quite late tonight, so I am going to take a front door key with me.
24. *so*                     My father made such a fuss about my coming in late last night that I told him I'd go and look for somewhere else to live.
25. *and therefore*        Many of the older children have very little leisure during the week because they are given a considerable amount of homework.
26. *being*                 Since this is the case, many families have to confine all their recreational activities to the weekend.
27. *for*                    The city was a vital communications centre. Therefore, the rest was determined to capture it.
28. *aware of*             The Whites were equally determined not to surrender it. For they fully realized its importance.
29. *deprived of*         David received no parental love, and so naturally sought affection elsewhere.
30. *consequently*        Mrs. McArthur was able to provide that affection, with the result that David became more attached to her than to his own mother.

## ANSWER KEY

1. The lecturer spoke so fast that I found it difficult to make any notes.
2. As he spoke with a strong accent, I did not understand all he said.
3. Mr. McArthur spends a lot of time by the river, so he is a very keen fisherman.  
(Mr. McArthur is so keen on fishing that he spends a lot of time by the river.)
4. Knowing that fishing is in his blood, Mrs. McArthur does not try to stop him.
5. Many of the roads are flooded because there was a lot of rain last night.  
(Because/ Since/ As there was a lot of rain, many of the roads are flooded.)
6. The weather forecast is for more rain, so I think we should postpone our trip.
7. Two years ago, the drought was so bad that the wells in our village began to dry up.
8. Soon there was such a great shortage of water that we had to ration it.
9. Since the next plane did not leave until the evening, they decided to spend the afternoon sightseeing.
10. There was so little to see that they soon returned to the airport.
11. I felt rather nervous, for I'd never talked to a film star before.
12. Knowing how I felt, she soon put me at my ease.
13. My car would not start, and so I had to take a taxi.
14. Realizing that I'd be late for an appointment, I phoned my secretary.
15. Having heard nothing from my husband for over a week, I was getting rather worried.
16. Being a friend of his, Ken was getting worried too.
17. Because he has sprained his ankle, Willie found walking painful.  
(Willie found walking painful because he has sprained his ankle.)
18. He was such a reticent fellow that he said nothing about it.
19. My father's health was poor, so he retired early.
20. (On/ Upon) finding himself short of money, he gave up smoking.
21. My son had such a very bad cough that I kept him home from school this morning.
22. Very few of the children are so well to perform in the school concert that they have cancelled it.
23. I am going to take a front door key with me as I'll be out quite late tonight.
24. My father made such a fuss about my coming in late last night, so I told him I'd go and look for somewhere else to live.
25. Many of the older children are given a considerable amount of homework and therefore (they) have very little leisure during the week.
26. This being the case, many families have to confine all their recreational activities to the weekend.
27. The rest was determined to capture the city, for it was a vital communications centre.
28. Being fully aware of its importance, the Whites were equally determined not to surrender it.
29. Being deprived of parental love, David naturally sought affection elsewhere.
30. Mrs. McArthur was able to provide that affection; consequently, David became more attached to her than to his own mother.

10.