

TRANSFORMATIONS

* Fill in the gaps with **two words** so that the second sentence is similar in meaning to the first one.

1. It won't hurt to tell your boss how you feel.

You have little /nothing _____ by telling your boss how you feel.

2. It was only because of Sarah's quick reactions that we weren't injured.

If it hadn't _____ Sarah's quick reactions, we would have been injured.

3. He did not pay any attention to the numerous warning letters he received.

He took _____ of the numerous warning letters he received.

4. The meeting wasn't really as bad as I had anticipated.

The meeting _____ to be much better than I had anticipated.

5. A child will be expelled from the school only as a last resort.

Only if all _____ will a child be expelled from, the school.

6. Most people seem to think that I will be next to be promoted.

Most people seem to think that I am next _____ for a promotion.

7. The total amount was less than the charity had hoped to raise.

The total amount _____ of what the sum/amount the charity had hoped to raise.

8. He's only just getting used to not having to go to work.

He's only just coming _____ with not having to go to work.

9. I would prefer you not to come, if you don't mind.

I _____ you didn't come, if you don't mind.

10. I forgot his birthday last week and don't know how to make it up to him.

I don't know how to _____ for forgetting his birthday last week.

11. It looks as though the economy is now starting to recover at last!

The economy is starting to _____ of recovery/recovering at last!

12. I really don't see how people can blame John for what has happened.

I really don't see how John can be _____ for what has happened.

13. What happens should there be a tie in the vote?

What happens in _____ that there is a tie in the vote?

14. Sharon and I are not speaking to each other, I'm afraid.

Sharon and I are not _____ terms with each other, I'm afraid.

15. I think she's now a little unsure about coming with us.

I think she's now having _____ about coming with us.

16. We feel that all our hard work has gone unacknowledged recently.
We feel that all our hard work has been taken _____ recently.

17. Making the scheme actually work will not be as easy as you think.
The scheme will be harder to put _____ than you think.

18. I don't see how the accident was anybody's fault really.
I don't really think that anyone was _____ for the accident.

19. The matter was only brought to my attention a few days ago.
It wasn't until a few days ago that I was _____ of the matter.

20. There doesn't seem to be much point in my going to the meeting.
It doesn't seem _____ going to the meeting.

21. I think I impressed the interviewer with my ability to switch into French.
I think I made a good _____ the interviewer with my ability to switch into French.

22. The last time there was a conflict on such a scale was during the Second World War.
Not since the Second World War has _____ a conflict on such a scale.

23. It doesn't bother me which of the two we choose.
I don't mind _____ which one we choose.

24. I don't see how people can think that he's responsible for things getting better.
I don't see how he can be given _____ for things getting better.

25. You need to keep an eye on the children at all times if you take them out.
You mustn't let the children out of _____ if you take them out.

26. We decided it simply wasn't worth pursuing the matter any further.
We decided there simply wasn't any _____ pursuing the matter any further.

27. He's agreed to help the police as long as his name is not made public.
He's agreed to help the police _____ that they do not reveal his name.

28. I don't mind if you come but you'll have to get there by yourself.
I don't mind if you come but you'll have to make your _____ there.

29. I think you must have me confused with someone else.
I think you must _____ me for someone else.

30. She doesn't seem to have much idea of what's been happening here.
She seems to be out _____ with what's been happening here.

31. If the plans are not ready to submit, the project may have to be put off until next year.
Failing to submit the plans _____ putting off the project until next year.

32. He was unable to take part in the tournament because of a nagging injury.
A nagging injury _____ out of the tournament.

33. Nobody believed that he really wanted to give up the job.
Nobody took him _____ wanting to give up the job.

34. She told me it had nothing to do with me and not to get involved.
She told me it was none/wasn't any of _____ and not to get involved.

35. The resort wasn't as nice as we thought it would be.
The resort really didn't _____ to our expectations.

36. The change of manager hasn't had any impact at all on staff morale.
Changing the manager hasn't made the _____ to staff morale.

37. They really went to a lot of trouble to make us feel at home.
They really went out of _____ to make us feel at home.

38. I really don't want to make the same job as my mother in the future.
I'd hate to _____ doing a job like my mother's in the future.

39. The government seems determined to keep control of the situation.
The government seems determined not to let the situation _____ of control.

40. Things have got worse since he started to interfere.
He has only made _____ for us by interfering.

41. It wasn't until I got home that I realized something was missing.
_____ I got home did I realize that something was missing.

42. It was wrong of you to be so critical of his decision.
You _____ have criticized his decision so heavily.

43. The committee did not consider how we would feel about the proposal.
Our views on the proposal were not taken _____ by the committee.

44. Our limited budget meant very few real changes were possible.
Our limited budget left _____ for real changes.

45. There seems to be hardly any similarity between our lives any more.
Our lives seem to have nothing _____ any more.

46. The cream she recommended really improved my complexion.
The cream she recommended did/worked _____ my complexion.

47. It would be really wrong for us to give up now after all we've been through.
We really _____ to ourselves not to give up now after all we've been through.

48. Her success is largely attributable to her rigorous training regime.
Her success can largely be _____ to her rigorous training regime.

49. They coped as well as they could in a difficult situation.
_____ situation, they did the best that they could.

50. Their decision not to compete in the event shocked everyone.
Their decision not to compete in the event _____ a shock/surprise to everyone.

51. I'd rather you spoke to him before the meeting.
I'd _____ if you could speak to him before the meeting.

52. I think her poll rating could be seriously affected by this.

I think this could have a _____ on her poll rating.

53. We don't seem to have any sugar left.

We seem to have _____ of sugar.

54. I really wish I'd seen her before she left.

I really _____ having seen her before she left.

55. Since John has now retired, you will both be able to travel.

John's retirement _____ you will now both be able to travel.

56. Asking her the same questions again and again is a waste of time.

There's no _____ asking her the same questions again and again.

57. He fooled everyone with his relaxed and confident manner.

Everyone was _____ by the fact that he seemed so relaxed and confident.

58. I don't mind whether he comes on Friday or Saturday.

It's all _____ to me whether he comes on Friday or Saturday.

59. There's no need for me to tell you how important this deal is for the company.

It goes _____ that this deal is very important for the company.

60. Her lack of qualifications didn't deter her from applying for the job.

She was not _____ applying for the job by her lack of qualifications.

61. I don't think he will make a very good actor.

In my opinion, he is not _____ to be an actor.

62. Everyone was expected to wait on her hand and foot.

She took it _____ that everyone would wait on her hand and foot.

63. I think you will find that a visit to the British Museum will be helpful.

I think it will be worth _____ to visit the British Museum.

64. As I grow older, I distrust other people more and more.

The older I grow, the _____ I become of other people.

65. You must fasten your seatbelt before take-off.

Seatbelts must/have to be _____ securely before take-off.

66. The competition was so strong that he didn't stand a chance of winning the race.

_____ the strength of the competition that he didn't stand a chance of winning the race.

67. The minister was heavily criticized for her decision to raise taxes.

The minister was _____ heavy criticism for her decision to raise taxes.

68. I really felt relieved on completion of my thesis.

I felt a _____ relief when /once /after I (had) completed my thesis.

69. The news came as a terrible shock to us.

We couldn't believe _____ when we heard the news.

70. He doesn't sleep very heavily and therefore wakes up rather easily.
Being a _____, he wakes up rather easily.

71. I particularly dislike it when I have to cancel appointments.
What I particularly dislike is having to _____ appointments.

72. Mark was very surprised to see that his watch had been returned.
_____ Mark's surprise, he saw that someone had returned his watch.

73. The only choice he had was to keep quiet.
He had no _____ to keep quiet.

74. Katy hasn't been feeling well lately.
Katy has been feeling _____ lately.

75. I admire her very much.
I am full of _____ her.

76. Nothing is stopping you from entering the competition.
There's no _____ you can't/shouldn't enter the competition.

77. There is no room for error in our business.
We _____ to make (any) mistakes in our business.

78. There's no point in trying to phone her as she's away for the weekend.
She is away for the weekend so it's no _____ to phone her.

79. The board of governors was very much opposed to such harsh measures.
The board of governors expressed (their/its) _____ to such harsh measures.

80. She made it perfectly clear to him that she was dissatisfied with his work.
She told him in no _____ that she was dissatisfied with his work.

81. The minister is determined not to resign before the next election.
The minister has no _____ resigning before the next election.

82. They discussed it for hours, but still had no idea how to solve the problem.
They discussed it for hours, but were unable to _____ with a solution to the problem.

83. I had great difficulty persuading her to join us.
It was no _____ for me to persuade her to join us.

84. She didn't realise her mistake until she had put the phone down.
Only _____ the phone down did she realise her mistake.

85. The news came as a complete surprise to us.
We were caught/taken _____ by the news.

86. It will almost certainly rain later in the afternoon.
There is a _____ of rain later in the afternoon.

87. He shouldn't have been so impolite to her.
There was no _____ him to be so impolite to her.

88. I was expecting him to be offered the job.

It _____ no surprise to hear that he ha been offered the job.

89. Thanks to Mary's help, we were able to rescue them.

_____ Mary's help, they would not have been rescued.

90. He spent hours reading before starting to write his article.

Only after spending hours reading _____ start to write his article.

91. I suddenly realized that he had no idea what I was talking about.

It suddenly _____ me that he had no idea what I was talking about.

92. Road works delayed us on the way to the airport.

We were _____ by road works on the way to the airport.

93. She found it hard to get used to the idea that I had been made redundant.

She found it hard coming/to come to _____ my having been made redundant.

94. They bought the bigger piece of land because they intended to grow their own vegetables.

They bought the bigger piece of land with _____ to growing their own vegetables.

95. My files are password-protected so others are unable to read them.

Nobody _____ my files as/because/since they are protected with a password.

96. He didn't stop gambling so he became destitute.

He wouldn't have _____ destitute had he stopped gambling.

97. I've not seen such an exciting film for ages.

It was _____ the most exciting film I have seen for ages.

98. I felt totally worn out after a day's gardening.

A day _____ in the garden left me (feeling) totally worn out.

99. The board of directors tried very hard to rescue the business from bankruptcy.

The board of directors went to _____ to rescue the business from bankruptcy.

100. No one really knows what her reaction to the news of her promotion will be.

There's _____ how she will react to/take the news of her promotion.

101. The farmer's crops were almost totally destroyed by locusts.

The farmer _____ crops almost totally destroyed by locusts.

102. The race will be held indoors if it rains.

In _____ of rain, the race will be held indoors.

103. No money can be refunded once the goods have been used.

Customers are not _____ a refund once the goods have been used.

KEY

1. to lose	49. given the	92. held up
2. been for	50. came as	93. terms with
3. no notice	51. prefer it	94. a view
4. turned out	52. serious impact	95. can access
5. else fails	53. run out	96. ended up
6. in line	54. regret not	97. by far
7. fell short	55. means that	98. spent working
8. to terms	56. point in	99. great lengths
9. would rather	57. taken in	100. no telling
10. make amends	58. the same	101. had his
11. show signs	59. without saying	102. the event
12. held responsible	60. put off	103. entitled to
13. the event	61. cut out	
14. on speaking	62. for granted	
15. second thoughts	63. your while	
16. for granted	64. more distrustful	
17. into practice	65. done up	
18. to blame	66. such was	
19. made aware	67. subjected to	
20. worth me/my	68. sense of	
21. impression on	69. our ears	
22. there been	70. light sleeper	
23. either way	71. call off	
24. any credit	72. much to	
25. your sight	73. choice but / alternative but	
26. point in	/ other than to	
27. on (the) condition	74. run down	
28. own way	75. admiration for	
29. be mistaking	76. reason why	
30. of touch	77. cannot afford	
31. may mean	78. use (me/you/us) trying	
32. ruled him	79. strong opposition	
33. seriously about	80. uncertain terms	
34. my business	81. intention of	
35. live up	82. come up	
36. slightest difference	83. easy matter	
37. their way	84. after putting	
38. end up / end up in a job	85. completely unawares	
39. get out	86. strong probability / chance	
40. matters worse	/ possibility	
41. Only after	87. need for	
42. should not	88. came as	
43. into account	89. but for	
44. little scope	90. did he	
45. in common	91. dawned on	
46. wonders for		
47. owe it		
48. put down		

