

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