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PET (B1):  
REPHRASING

**50 PRACTICE QUESTIONS FOR THE  
CAMBRIDGE PRELIMINARY EXAM**



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## REPHRASING FOR THE B1 PRELIMINARY EXAM

When writing at B1 level, it is important to remember that the examiner wants the text to be simple. It needs to be easy to read and have few errors with the use of simple grammar structures. It also needs to include some complex grammar (modal verbs, conditionals, passive, reported speech, relative clauses). **DO NOT OVER COMPLICATE IT!** Look at the example texts to see how it is done.

1. Rephrasing: In this part you need to complete the second sentence with 1-3 words so that it has the same meaning as the first. **IF YOU CAN USE THE SAME WORD, DO IT! DON'T LOOK FOR A SYNONYM IF IT IS NOT NECESSARY.**

Focus on these grammar points:

Passive, comparatives, reported speech, conditional 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, quantifiers, connectives and cohesive devices, vocabulary based, tense changes (past simple to present perfect simple), modals



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## Passive

Someone killed the man at his home last week.

The man ..... at his home last week.

Answer: was killed

## Reported speech

"I ate a sandwich for lunch" said Inés.

Inés said that she ..... a sandwich for lunch.

Answer: had eaten

## Tense change

I have been to Italy before.

I ..... Italy last year.

Answer: went to

## Comparative

Alex is much taller than his cousin.

Alex's cousin isn't ..... him.

Answer: as tall as



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## Gerund vs infinitive

I fancy going out later.

I would like ..... out later.

Answer: to go

## Quantifiers

There were only a few people at the party.

There weren't ..... at the party.

Answer: many people

## Vocabulary

I didn't manage to get to work on time.

I ..... get to work on time.

Answer: couldn't

## Conditionals

If you tell me the truth, I can help you.

I can't help you ..... me the truth.

Answer: unless you tell



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1. Our restaurant opened its doors about 4 months ago.  
Our restaurant \_\_\_\_\_ for about 4 months.
2. It took us 2 months to learn how to drive.  
We spent \_\_\_\_\_ to drive a car.
3. The man was run over on the motorway.  
Someone \_\_\_\_\_ the man on the motorway.
4. You should ask for help if you don't understand the exercise.  
You \_\_\_\_\_ to ask for help if you don't know what to do.
5. There are 7 cars in the car park.  
The car park \_\_\_\_ 7 cars in it.
6. The group played 17 of their greatest hits.  
\_\_\_\_\_ 17 of their greatest hits played at the concert.
7. I was very pleased to finally pass the exam.  
It was \_\_\_\_\_ to pass the exam in the end.
8. The train was so late that we missed the concert.  
We missed the concert \_\_\_\_\_ the train being late.
9. It was almost 10 am before we left for school.  
We didn't leave for school \_\_\_\_\_ 10 am.
10. I won't go to the cinema unless I finish studying for the exam.  
If I finish studying for the exam \_\_\_\_\_ go to the cinema.
11. Until now, I haven't even thought about my career.  
Until now, I have \_\_\_\_\_ about my career.
12. So far, we have only had 4 pints of beer.  
So far, we haven't \_\_\_\_\_ a fifth pint of beer.
13. James said "Can I borrow your car, please?"  
James asked \_\_\_\_\_ could borrow \$10.
14. My brother lent me a bike for the race weekend.  
I \_\_\_\_\_ brother's bike for the race weekend.



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15. You ought to study more vocabulary.

I think you \_\_\_\_\_ better study more vocabulary.

16. If I were you, I'd call your dad sometime this week.

Sometime this week you \_\_\_\_\_ dad.

17. I won't ring you later if I forget.

\_\_\_\_\_ I forget, I will call you later

18. If I had your ability, I would go to the try-outs.

You \_\_\_\_\_ go to the try-outs with your ability.

19. We discovered some great news at the weekend.

We \_\_\_\_\_ out some great information at the weekend.

20. She turned into a star in no time.

She became a star very \_\_\_\_\_.

21. What do you enjoy doing in the evening?

What are \_\_\_\_\_ on doing in the evening?

22. It is easy to pass the exam with a little help.

I \_\_\_\_\_ easy to get a good grade with some help.

23. I hate reading the newspaper at work.

I \_\_\_\_\_ stand reading the newspaper at work.

24. He hardly ever goes on school trips.

He almost \_\_\_\_\_ the school trips.

25. She always listens to music in class.

She listens to music in class all \_\_\_\_\_.

26. I have several friends in Berlin.

In Berlin I have \_\_\_\_\_ of friends.

27. There are only a few people in the class.

There \_\_\_\_\_ people in the class.

28. There are some problems with the organisation of the course.

The organisation of the course \_\_\_\_\_ some problems.



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29. There isn't much time to take up an extracurricular activity.  
There is \_\_\_\_\_ time to start an extracurricular activity.
30. I have lots of reasons to be worried about him.  
There are \_\_\_\_\_ reasons that I worry about him.
31. "I'm going to do the cleaning on my own" said Helen.  
Helen said that \_\_\_\_\_ going to do the cleaning by herself.
32. "The mailman will deliver the letter later" Neil told John  
Neil told John that the mailman \_\_\_\_\_ the letter later.
33. "I'm thinking about travelling to Africa" said Ines.  
Ines said \_\_\_\_\_ thinking about travelling to Africa.
34. "Are you a fan of reading?" asked Laura.  
Laura \_\_\_\_\_ am a fan of reading.
35. "What do you fancy eating tonight?" asked Carlos.  
Carlos asked \_\_\_\_\_ for dinner that night.
36. I really learned a lot last term, the teacher was fantastic.  
I had \_\_\_\_\_ teacher last term, I learned a lot.
37. I saw a strange person hanging around the supermarket.  
As I was doing the shopping, I \_\_\_\_\_ unusual person hanging around
38. Could you lend me one euro so that I might have a snack?  
Can I \_\_\_\_\_ euro so that I can buy a snack?
39. Where were you? The film has already started.  
The film is \_\_\_\_\_ already and I have been waiting for you.
40. They say that the English drink a lot of tea and eat cucumber sandwiches.  
They say that \_\_\_\_\_ drink a lot of tea and they eat cucumber sandwiches.



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41. If you eat healthy food, you will have fewer health problems.  
You won't live very long \_\_\_\_\_ you eat healthy food.
42. When you work out, you will feel unwind a lot.  
You will probably feel more relaxed \_\_\_\_\_ do exercise.
43. Would you consider losing weight if you were unfit?  
\_\_\_\_\_ about losing weight if you needed to?
44. Unless you explain the rules, I won't know how to play.  
I will only know how to play if \_\_\_\_\_ me the rules.
45. As long as you finish the exercise programme, you will feel better.  
\_\_\_\_\_ that you finish the exercise programme, you will feel better.
46. Shoes can be repaired in the shop.  
You \_\_\_\_\_ repair shoes in the shop.
47. The murderer has killed someone at the theme park.  
Someone has \_\_\_\_\_ the murderer at the theme park.
48. A lot of cheese is produced around this region.  
A local company \_\_\_\_\_ the cheese in this region.
49. It has been fabricated by local people in recent times.  
Local people \_\_\_\_\_ it recently.
50. The clients are lying about the quality of the product.  
A lie \_\_\_\_\_ by the clients about the product.





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## Answer sheet

1. has been open
2. 2 months learning
3. Ran over
4. ought
5. has
6. There were
7. Pleasing/great
8. because of
9. until almost
10. I will
11. not thought
12. had
13. if he
14. borrowed my
15. had
16. should call your
17. Unless
18. had better
19. found
20. quickly
21. you keen/big
22. find it
23. can't
24. never arranges
25. the time



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- 26.plenty
- 27.aren't (very) many
- 28.has
- 29.little
- 30.many/several/various
- 31.she was
- 32.would deliver
- 33.(that) she was
- 34.asked if I
- 35.what I fancied
- 36.a (really) great
- 37.saw an
- 38.borrow a/one
- 39.on
- 40.English people
- 41.unless
- 42.if you
- 43.Could you think
- 44.you explain to
- 45.Provided/Providing
- 46.can
- 47.been killed by
- 48.produces
- 49.have fabricated
- 50.is being told



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