

USE OF ENGLISH (PART 4) Key Word Transformation (3)

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first one. You must use between **2-5 words**.

There are **2 marks** for each correct answer.

25) He hasn't been to London before.

TIME

This is the _____ to London.

26) I'd prefer to buy biscuits without sugar.

RATHER

I _____ biscuits without sugar.

27) "Did you enjoy your holiday?", she asked me.

IF

She asked me _____ my holiday.

28) The weather was so bad that they decided to cancel the match.

SUCH

It was _____ that they decided to cancel the match.

29) Despite the fact that he was feeling really tired, he carried on walking.

EVEN

He carried on walking _____ really tired.

30) I was surprised to see Stephen leave early.

SURPRISE

_____, Stephen left early.

ANSWER KEY AND GRAMMAR ANALYSIS

25 This is the **FIRST TIME HE HAS BEEN** to London.

You **MUST** know how to use the *Present Perfect*!

26 I **WOULD RATHER BUY** biscuits without sugar.

Would prefer to = Would rather.

The difference is that there is **NO** preposition with *would rather*.

27 She asked me **IF I HAD ENJOYED** my holiday.

Reported speech is very common in Key Word Transformations.

It usually helps to translate it directly from your own language so the verb tense is correct and all the words are included in the sentence.

28 It was **SUCH BAD WEATHER** that they decided to cancel the match.

SUCH A BAD DAY is quite good, but it's not necessary to change the sentence.

29 He carried on walking **EVEN THOUGH HE FELT** really tired.

Even though is the same as *although* in this sentence.

Remember to change the verb to *Past Simple* here.

30 **TO MY SURPRISE**, Stephen left early.

Expressions are sometimes used in this part of the exam.

You need the correct pronoun here: To my/his/her/their/our surprise.