

## EASY REPHRASINGS – ANSWER KEY

### VERBAL TENSES: PAST TENSES

**Rewrite the sentences below using the correct form of the verb in brackets. Do not change the meaning of the original sentence.**

1.- Our team hasn't won a game for six months! (ago)  
OUR TEAM HASN'T WON A GAME FOR SIX MONTHS.

2.- This will be my first time in Paris. (never)  
I HAVE NEVER BEEN IN PARIS BEFORE.

3.- I will finish the project tomorrow. (yet)  
I HAVEN'T FINISHED THE PROJECT YET.

4.- Brian sent us an e-mail a moment ago. (just)  
BRIAN HAS JUST SENT US AN E-MAIL.

5.- The last time I spoke to Lee was last week. (for)  
I HAVEN'T SPOKEN TO LEE FOR A WEEK.

6.- There was no one at the party when I arrived. (left)  
EVERYONE HAD LEFT THE PARTY WHEN I ARRIVED.

### VERBAL TENSES: FUTURE TENSES

**Rewrite the sentences below using the correct form of the verb in brackets. Do not change the meaning of the original sentence.**

1.- Our school plans to use only solar energy next year. (going)  
OUR SCHOOL IS GOING TO USE ONLY SOLAR ENERGY NEXT YEAR.

2.- Our plan is to leave tomorrow morning. (leaving)  
WE ARE LEAVING TOMORROW MORNING

3.- There's not much chance of rain tomorrow. (probably)  
IT PROBABLY WON'T RAIN TOMORROW.  
IT MIGHT PROBABLY RAIN TOMORROW.

4.- Watch out! You're about to hit the dog. (going)  
WATCH OUT! YOU'RE GOING TO HIT THE DOG.

5.- I promise to arrive on time. (that)  
I PROMISE THAT I WILL ARRIVE ON TIME.

6.- We've decided to stay at home tonight. (staying)  
WE ARE STAYING AT HOME TONIGHT.

## RELATIVE

- 1.- The police arrested the man. He murdered his wife. (who)  
THE POLICE ARRESTED THE MAN [WHO / THAT] MURDERED HIS WIFE. (DEF.)
- 2.- I can't remember the name of the street. I have lost my passport there. (where)  
I CAN'T REMEMBER THE NAME OF THE STREET WHERE I HAVE LOST MY PASSPORT. (DEF.)
- 3.- Where are the shoes? I bought them yesterday. (which)  
WHERE ARE THE SHOES [WHICH / THAT / no pronoun] I BOUGHT YESTERDAY? (DEF.)
- 4.- I passed the entrance test yesterday. That is quite difficult to do. (which)  
I PASSED THE ENTRANCE TEST YESTERDAY, WHICH IS QUITE DIFFICULT TO DO. (NON DEF.)
- 5.- I saw a man yesterday. He is my neighbour. (whom)  
THE MAN [WHOM / WHO / no pronoun] I SAW YESTERDAY IS MY NEIGHBOUR. (DEF.)
- 6.- My friend invited many people. His house is huge. (whose)  
MY FRIEND, WHOSE HOUSE IS HUGE, INVITED MANY PEOPLE. (NON DEF.)
- 7.- This is the man. His dog bit me. (whose)  
THIS IS THE MAN WHOSE DOG BIT ME. (DEF.)
- 8.- The pupils missed the test. They came late. (who)  
THE PUPILS [WHO / THAT] CAME LATE MISSED THE TEST. (DEF.)
- 9.- He was talking to a girl. She is my sister. (whom)  
THE GIRL [WHOM / WHO / no pronoun] HE WAS TALKING TO IS MY SISTER. (DEF.)
- 10.- I have got a new camera. I bought it last week. (which)  
I HAVE GOT A CAMERA [WHICH / THAT / no pronoun] I BOUGHT LAST WEEK. (DEF.)
- 11.- That man is a politician. I forgot his name. (whose)  
THAT MAN IS A POLITICIAN WHOSE NAME I FORGOT. (DEF.)
- 12.- I'll show you the church. I got married there. (where)  
I'LL SHOW YOU THE CHURCH WHERE I GOT MARRIED. (DEF.)

## MODAL AND MODAL PERFECTS

**Rewrite the sentences using the word in brackets so that they have the same meaning as the original.**

1.- I couldn't finish the exercise. (able)  
I WASN'T ABLE TO FINISH THE EXERCISE.

2.- It's impossible that this story is true. (can't)  
THIS STORY CAN'T BE TRUE.

3.- My advice is for you to get a new guitar. (should)  
YOU SHOULD GET A NEW GUITAR.

4.- I'm sure Dan's dad got the tickets for him. (must)  
DAN'S DAD MUST HAVE GOT THE TICKETS FOR HIM.

5.- You left home too late. (should)  
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE LEFT HOME SO LATE.  
YOU SHOULD HAVE LEFT HOME EARLIER.

6.- The group should give their fans their money back. (ought)  
THE GROUP OUGHT TO GIVE THEIR FANS THEIR MONEY BACK.

## CONDITIONAL

**Rewrite the sentences using the word in brackets. Do not change the meaning of the original sentence.**

1.- Take my advice and don't walk alone at night. (were)  
IF I WERE YOU, I WOULDN'T WALK ALONE AT NIGHT.

2.- I didn't invite them because I didn't know they were interested in our cause. (had)  
I WOULD HAVE INVITED THEM IF I HAD KNOWN THEY WERE INTERESTED IN OUR CAUSE.  
HAD I KNOWN THEY WERE INTERESTED IN OUR CAUSE, I WOULD HAVE INVITED THEM.

3.- They will close down the shelter because there isn't any funding. (unless)  
THEY WILL CLOSE DOWN THE SHELTER UNLESS THERE IS SOME FUNDING.

4.- He wants to borrow this book but I haven't finished reading it. (when)  
HE CAN BORROW THIS BOOK WHEN I HAVE FINISHED READING IT.

5.- We can't leave because there are still customers in the shop. (as)  
WE CAN'T LEAVE AS THERE ARE STILL CUSTOMERS IN THE SHOP.

## **PASSIVE**

**Complete the second sentence with a passive form so that it has a similar meaning to the original.**

1.- The avalanche buried two villages.

Two VILLAGES WERE BURIED BY THE AVALANCHE

2.- Did global temperatures break any records last year?

Were ANY RECORDS BROKEN BY GLOBAL TEMPERATURES LAST YEAR?

3.- Sheep farmers won't be happy if they reintroduce wolves to Scotland.

If wolves ARE REINTRODUCED TO SCOTLAND, SHEEP FARMERS WON'T BE HAPPY.

4.- The Thai government has banned tourists from going to Maya Bay.

Tourists HAVE BEEN BANNED FROM GOING TO MAYA BAY BY THE THAI GOVERNMENT.

5.- Some people have climbed Mt Everest in winter.

Mt Everest HAS BEEN CLIMBED IN WINTER.

6.- The Chinese are building new roads and railways across the desert.

New ROADS AND RAILWAYS ARE BEING BUILT ACROSS THE DESERT BY THE CHINESE.

## **REPORTED SPEECH**

**Rewrite the sentences in reported speech. Change the reporting verb.**

1.- "I arrived late because of traffic," Luke said.

LUKE EXPLAINED (THAT) HE HAD ARRIVED LATE BECAUSE OF TRAFFIC.

2.- "The bus driver was reckless," the tourists said.

THE TOURISTS COMPLAINED (THAT) THE BUS DRIVER HAD BEEN RECKLESS.

THE TOURISTS COMPLAINED ABOUT THE BUS DRIVER HAVING BEEN RECKLESS.

3.- "I won't do anything foolish," Cameron said.

CAMERON PROMISED (THAT) THAT HE / SHE WOULDN'T DO ANYTHING FOOLISH.

CAMERON PROMISED NOT TO DO ANYTHING FOOLISH.

4.- "I've got two free tickets for the concert tonight," Elaine said.

ELAINE MENTIONED THAT SHE HAD TWO FREE TICKETS FOR THE CONCERT THAT NIGHT.

5.- "Don't go out in the storm today!" the news announcer said.

THE NEWS ANNOUNCER WARNED PEOPLE NOT TO GO OUT IN THE STORM THAT DAY.

6.- "You should tell people where you are going," the park ranger said to me.

THE PARK RANGER ADVISED ME TO TELL PEOPLE WHERE I WAS GOING.

7.- "I didn't put out the campfire properly," the hiker said.

THE HIKER ADMITTED HE / SHE HADN'T PUT OUT THE CAMPFIRE PROPERLY.

THE HIKER ADMITTED NOT HAVING PUT OUT THE CAMPFIRE PROPERLY.

8.- "Why were they walking in the forest last night?" he asked.

HE ASKED WHY THEY HAD BEEN WALKING IN THE FOREST THE NIGHT BEFORE.