

REWRITE THESE SENTENCES WITHOUT CHANGING THE ORIGINAL MEANING.

- By the time + FUTURE PERFECT
- By the time + PAST SIMPLE – PAST PERFECT
- While + PAST CONTINUOUS – PAST CONTINUOUS / PAST SIMPLE
- When + PAST SIMPLE – PAST CONTINUOUS / PAST SIMPLE
- When + PAST SIMPLE ?
- How long + PRESENT PERFECT?
- NEVER + Present Simple / Present Perfect
- Past Simple + AGO ----- Present Perfect + FOR / SINCE
- When + Past Simple (meet)? -----> How long + Present Perfect (know)?

REWRITE THESE SENTENCES 1

1. How much is this magazine? (cost)
2. I haven't got a car. (own)
3. We intend to meet for lunch tomorrow. (are)
4. Brenda plays a lot of football. (often)
5. The children are quiet at the moment. (talk)
6. I've got plans to see Paul tonight. (am)
7. It started to rain in the middle of our picnic. (while)
8. We found a better flat. Then we moved. (after)
9. She finished all the work. Then he came to help her. (By the time)
10. I plan to leave in a week. (leaving)
11. I don't listen to classical music at all. (never)
12. George started working here four years ago. (for)
13. Ben doesn't eat meat at all. (never)
14. I was in the middle of a conversation with my teacher when you called. (while)
15. Anne is visiting our country for the first time. (never)
16. John didn't want to leave before seeing the garden. (seen) (*)
17. Fashions will be different by the time you are older. (changed)
18. Paul met Julie in primary school. (known)
19. How long have you had this car? (buy)
20. We are going to play tennis from five until seven o'clock. (At six o'clock)

21. Mark left and Nancy cried for an hour. (after)

REWRITE THESE SENTENCES 2

1. In my opinion, he's not very considerate. (not think)
2. John is on the phone. (talk)
3. What is the price of this ring? (cost)
4. The suitcase is on the scales. (weighing) – (scales = báscula) Cathy ...
5. Is this your jacket? (belong)
6. I have got a meeting with Janine at 6 o'clock. (am)
7. The wedding took place and then I received the invitation. (By the time)
8. We had cheered him up. Then he felt better. (after)
9. During the English lesson the lights went out. (while)
10. We arranged the chairs in circle. Then the guests arrived. (By the time)
11. They were in the middle of the dinner when the table began to shake. (while)
12. Rachel went home before Sonia arrived. (By the time)
13. He had a job in a restaurant when I first knew him. (working)
14. As Bill and Ben were on their way to school, it started to rain. (while)
15. Julie has a habit of falling asleep in lessons. (often)
16. I last saw Barbara two years ago. (seen)
17. Is this your first visit to New York? (ever)
18. We don't know the election results. (heard)
19. We got our dog last April. (had)
20. How long has Paul been a lawyer? (When?)
21. This is my first time at a hockey match. (never)
22. Vera is in the middle of her homework. (now)
23. Harriet cleaned the house. Then the guests arrived. (By the time)
24. What's your opinion about this idea? (think)
25. How long have you played tennis? (start)
26. Ben bought his horse two years ago. (for)
27. They are going to rehearse the play from 6.00 to 7.00. (At 6.30 tomorrow)

REWRITE THESE SENTENCES 3

1. I became ill during my visit to my grandmother. (while)
2. Martin never misses a football match. (always)
3. Is that ring yours? (belong)
4. Sally is going to bake the cake at 2.30. (By 3 o'clock)
5. Sally will start baking the cake at 10.00 and will finish at 12.00. (At 11.00 tomorrow)
6. What weight are you? (how much)
7. We started studying at 10 and finished at 12. (for)
8. The last time I saw Brian was three months ago. (for)
9. Jimmy hurt himself during a football match. (while)
10. First Katherine passed her driving test. Then she bought a car. (after) (By the time)
11. How long have you known Sarah? (meet)
12. I'm not hungry. Thank you. (eat)
13. What's your opinion about exams? (think)
14. What are his plans this evening? (do)
15. I don't think that he's being honest. (lie)
16. Our visitors arrived during my favourite TV show. (while)
17. Alice is planning to play tennis from 8 to 10 o'clock this evening. (At 9 o'clock this evening)
18. Diana fell asleep at 10 o'clock. Her sister arrived home at midnight. (By the time)
19. The tickets aren't very expensive. (cost)
20. Patrick has worked here for many years. (started)

ANSWERS
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1. How much is this magazine? (cost)
How much does this magazine cost?
2. I haven't got a car. (own)
I don't own a car.
3. We intend to meet for lunch tomorrow. (are)
We are going to meet for lunch tomorrow.
4. Brenda plays a lot of football. (often)
Brenda often plays football.
5. The children are quiet at the moment. (talk)
The children aren't talking at the moment.
6. I've got plans to see Paul tonight. (am)
I am going to see Paul tonight.
7. It started to rain in the middle of our picnic. (while)
It started to rain while we were having a picnic.
8. We found a better flat. Then we moved. (after)
After we had found a better flat, we moved.
9. She finished all the work. Then he came to help her. (By the time)
By the time he came to help her, she had finished all the work.
10. I plan to leave in a week. (leaving)
I am leaving in a week.
11. I don't listen to classical music at all. (never)
I never listen to classical music.
12. George started working here four years ago. (for)
George has worked here for four years.
13. Ben doesn't eat meat at all. (never)
Ben never eats meat.
14. I was in the middle of a conversation with my teacher when you called. (while)
While I was talking with my teacher, you called.
15. Anne is visiting our country for the first time. (never)
Anne has never visited our country (before)
16. John didn't want to leave before seeing the garden. (seen) (*)
After John had seen the garden, he left.
17. Fashions will be different by the time you are older. (changed)
Fashions will have changed by the time you are older.
18. Paul met Julie in primary school. (known)
Paul has known Julie since primary school.
19. How long have you had this car? (buy)
When did you buy this car?
20. We are going to play tennis from five until seven o'clock. (At six o'clock)
At six o'clock we will be playing tennis.
21. Mark left and Nancy cried for an hour. (after)
After Mark had left, Nancy cried for an hour.

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1. In my opinion, he's not very considerate. (not think)
I don't think he is very considerate.
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John is talking on the phone.
3. What is the price of this ring? (cost)
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4. The suitcase is on the scales. (weighing) – (scales = báscula) Cathy ...
Cathy is weighing the suitcase.
5. Is this your jacket? (belong)
Does this jacket belong to you?
6. I have got a meeting with Janine at 6 o'clock. (am)

I am meeting Janine at 6 o'clock.

7. The wedding took place and then I received the invitation. (By the time)

By the time I received the invitation, the wedding had taken place.

8. We had cheered him up. Then he felt better. (after)

After we had cheered him up, he felt better.

9. During the English lesson the lights went out. (while)

While we were having the English lesson, the lights went out.

10. We arranged the chairs in circle. Then the guests arrived. (By the time)

By the time we had arranged the chairs in circle, the guests arrived.

11. They were in the middle of the dinner when the table began to shake. (while)

While we were having dinner, the table began to shake.

12. Rachel went home before Sonia arrived. (By the time)

By the time Sonia arrived, Rachel had gone home.

13. He had a job in a restaurant when I first knew him. (working)

He was working in a restaurant when I first knew him.

14. As Bill and Ben were on their way to school, it started to rain. (while)

While Bill and Ben were going to school, it started to rain.

15. Julie has a habit of falling asleep in lessons. (often)

Julie often falls asleep in lessons.

16. I last saw Barbara two years ago. (seen)

I haven't seen Barbara for two years.

17. Is this your first visit to New York? (ever)

Have you ever been to New York?

18. We don't know the election results. (heard)

We haven't heard the election results.

19. We got our dog last April. (had)

We have had our dog since last April.

20. How long has Paul been a lawyer? (When?)

When did Paul become a lawyer?

21. This is my first time at a hockey match. (never)

I have never been to a hockey match.

22. Vera is in the middle of her homework. (now)

Vera is doing her homework (now).

23. Harriet cleaned the house. Then the guests arrived. (By the time)

By the time the guests arrived, Harriet had cleaned the house.

24. What's your opinion about this idea? (think)

What do you think about this idea?

25. How long have you played tennis? (start)

When did you start playing / to play tennis?

26. Ben bought his horse two years ago. (for)

Ben has had his horse for two years.

27. They are going to rehearse the play from 6.00 to 7.00. (At 6.30 tomorrow)

At 6.30 tomorrow they will be rehearsing the play.

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I became ill while I was visiting my grandmother.

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Martin always goes to football matches.

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Does this ring belong to you?

4. Sally is going to bake the cake at 2.30. (By 3 o'clock)

By 3 o'clock Sally will have baked the cake.

5. Sally will start baking the cake at 10.00 and will finish at 12.00. (At 11.00 tomorrow)

At 11.00 tomorrow Sally will be baking the cake.

6. What weight are you? (how much)

How much do you weigh?

7. We started studying at 10 and finished at 12. (for)

We have studied for two hours / since 10 o'clock. / We have been studying ...

8. The last time I saw Brian was three months ago. (for)

I haven't seen Brian for three months.

9. Jimmy hurt himself during a football match. (while)

Jimmy hurt himself while he was playing football / a football match.

10. First Katherine passed her driving test. Then she bought a car. (after) (By the time)

* After Katherine had passed her driving test, she bought a car.

By the time Katherine bought a car, she had passed her driving test.

* Katherine had passed her driving test by the time she bought a car.

11. How long have you known Sarah? (meet)

When did you meet Sarah?

12. I'm not hungry. Thank you. (eat)

I'm not going to eat. Thank you.

13. What's your opinion about exams? (think)

What do you think about exams?

14. What are his plans this evening? (do)

What is he going to do this evening? / What is he doing this evening?

15. I don't think that he's being honest. (lie)

I think he's lying.

16. Our visitors arrived during my favourite TV show. (while)

Our visitors arrived while I was watching my favourite TV show.

17. Alice is planning to play tennis from 8 to 10 o'clock this evening. (At 9 o'clock this evening)

At 9 o'clock this evening Alice will be playing tennis.

18. Diana fell asleep at 10 o'clock. Her sister arrived home at midnight. (By the time)

By the time Diana's sister arrived, she had fallen asleep.

20. Patrick has worked here for many years. (started)

Patrick started working here many years ago.