

## REPHRASING PRACTICE

1. I've never felt such an intense pain.  
*It's...*
2. Please explain this letter to me.  
*Please tell me...*
3. Perhaps he's still at home.  
*He...*
4. Although he left the hotel disguised as a middle-aged lady, everybody recognised him.  
*In spite...*
5. Hazel's new American car is so wide that it won't go into her garage easily.  
*Hazel's new American car is too ...*
6. It isn't necessary for us to deliver the order until next month.  
*We...*
7. He felt seasick because he hadn't taken his pills.  
*If...*
8. Despite **(his) having / the fact** that he had been vaccinated he caught the flu.  
*Although...*
9. In spite of **(my/me) putting / the fact that I had put** two lumps of sugar in my coffee, it was still bitter.  
*Although...*
10. Unlikely **as / though** it may seem, I'm telling you the truth.  
*Although...*
11. 'Can you guess who has just left?' he asked us.  
*He asked us if...*
12. Malcolm was originally going to buy a car, but he bought a motorcycle instead.  
*Instead...*
13. Politics are seen by many ambitious men as a stepping-stone to power.  
*Many...*
14. She had the biggest collection of foreign coins in the school.  
*Nobody in the school...*
15. This is the coldest winter we remember.  
*We don't*
16. It was impossible for me to contact him on the phone yesterday.  
*I...*
17. 'Come home with me,' Stewart said.  
*Stewart told...*
18. What a pity you can't see the newborn baby!  
*I wish...*
19. Even though she has an exercise bicycle at home, she is quite overweight.  
*In spite...*
20. They used chemicals so as to kill the insects in the trees.  
*They used chemicals in...*
21. It would be wise for us to take raincoats.  
*We'd...*
22. Don't touch the match or you'll burn your finger.  
*If...*
23. Their house is so far away that we can't walk there.  
*It's such...*
24. Two new suits are being made for him.  
*He is...*
25. Richard is so tall that he can change light bulbs in some rooms without having to stand on a chair.  
*Richard is tall...*
26. He met his wife when he was in the Middle East. I have never seen her.  
*(make into one sentence)*
27. The architect worked on the plans for six months.  
*The architect spent...*
28. A window had been smashed and everything that was in the car had been stolen.  
*Someone...*
29. 'Have you seen a red wallet on the pavement?', she asked me.  
*She asked...*
29. You won't be employed by this company unless your performance is good.  
*If your...*
30. The authorities are going to isolate the factory because of the atomic leak.  
*The factory...*
31. You can hear a baby crying and you're trying to study.  
*You say: I wish...*
32. I haven't seen so much rain for a long time.  
*It's...*
33. Why don't you stop smoking here?  
*I wish...*
34. I hate people throwing rubbish in the grass.  
*I wish...*
35. It's your duty to go.  
*You...*
36. They were the most colourful socks I had ever won.  
*I had...*
37. She had never visited a bigger castle.  
*It was...*
38. It might be necessary for us to buy new tyres for the car.  
*We...*
39. The Prime Minister is to visit the hospital tomorrow.  
*The hospital...*
40. It isn't necessary for me to go on working. I have already reached the retiring age.  
*I...*
41. 'Was there an outbreak of cholera last year?', the doctor asked.  
*The doctor asked...*
42. It's your duty to look after the children.  
*You...*
43. He had a good voice. He became a popular singer.  
*(one sentence)*
44. I don't like this food as much as you do.  
*You...*
45. I'll go home unless I have to iron more shirts.  
*If...*
47. You are looking for a job – so far without success. Nobody will give you a job.  
*You say: I wish...*
48. The new air-conditioning was installed last week.  
*They...*
49. The woman was arrested. She stole my wallet.  
*(make into one sentence)*
50. The sofa was so comfortable she ordered it for her mother.  
*It was...*
51. The meanings of these words are often confused.  
*People...*

52. How lucky you are! Your holidays are longer than mine!  
*How lucky your are! My holidays...*
53. Someone has stolen the boss's car.  
*The boss has...*
54. I would have liked to go with you, but I was too busy.  
*If...*
55. 'Did you spend New Year's Eve with your parents?', I asked him.  
*I asked...*
56. Everybody else could ride a horse but you.  
*The only...*
57. Are those funny hats worn by all their policemen?  
*Do...*
58. It's not necessary for you to go.  
*You...*
59. Was it necessary for you to wait a long time for the bus?  
*Did...*
60. What particularly impressed me was his accent-free pronunciation.  
*I...*
61. Brian has been wearing the same clothes for years. You think he needs some new clothes.  
*You say (to Brian): I wish...*
62. 'Please, open your mouth wide,' the dentist said.  
*The dentist asked...*
63. I didn't notice the man was in danger so I didn't help him.  
*If...*
64. He isn't nearly as intelligent as his younger brother.  
*His younger brother...*
65. 'Would you like to have a whisky with me?', Henry asked me.  
*Henry invited...*
66. Is it really necessary for me to arrive so early?  
*Do I...*
67. The score was so disappointing that some supporter couldn't help crying.  
*Some supporters were...*
69. The biggest city in Brazil is Sao Paulo. It's population is over five million.  
*(make into one sentence)*
70. If I were you I would marry that girl.  
*You...*
71. It's against the rules to smoke in bed.  
*You...*
72. He knows how to do a cartwheel.  
*He...*
73. You didn't earn as much as you had been told.  
*You earned...*
74. It's already possible for us to communicate with each other over vast distances.  
*We...*
75. Your friend drives very fast. You don't like this.  
*You say (to your friend): I wish you...*
76. A waiter spilled soup over Lydia's new dress last night.  
*Lydia...*
77. I met a lady named Lydia in the circus. She had so many tattoos on her body she looked like an illustrated encyclopaedia.  
*(one sentence) Lydia...*
78. We worked on the garden the whole weekend.  
*We spent...*
79. It is thought that he is hiding in a foreign country.  
*He...*
80. 'Please, hang your trousers up in your wardrobe,' I said to my son.  
*I asked...*
81. She won't ever marry unless she finds the right man.  
*If...*
82. It's possible that there will be a new ice-age.  
*There...*
83. Has all that been understood by all of you?  
*Have you all...*
84. Someone will have to pick up this broken glass or we mustn't allow the children to come anywhere  
*near this room.*  
This broken glass...
85. Sound doesn't travel as fast as light in the air.  
*Light...*
86. It's not advisable for you to go out in the rain.  
*You...*
87. You are allowed to go there only if you are a Muslim.  
*They...*
88. Is it essential for you to finish tonight?  
*Do...*
89. My sister-in-law knew how to ride a bicycle when she was four.  
*My sister-in-law...*
90. It's possible that we shall have to emigrate to other planets.  
*We...*
91. She didn't have any soft drinks at home so she didn't offer one to me.  
*If...*
92. 'I have never seen a volcanic eruption,' you said.  
*You said...*
93. 'I'll move the piano to the other room,' I said.  
*I offered...*
94. Do I have permission to open a window?  
*May...*
95. It's probably too late to avoid a catastrophe.  
*It...*
96. I don't have a word processor so I can't write your report with it.  
*If...*
97. Will it be necessary for us to report the incident to the police?  
*Shall we...*
98. It wasn't necessary for him to hit the boy.  
*He...*
99. As we live on the first floor, we need some bars for the windows.  
*As we live on the first floor, we should have...*
100. I suppose you didn't enjoy that party very much, did you?  
*You can't...*
101. We haven't elected a new government for four years.  
*It's...*
101. I ought to hire someone to put a light outside the front door.  
*I ought to have...*
102. 'The clown is rehearsing his gags for tonight's performance,' the circus manager said.  
*The circus manager said...*
103. She was working for a company. It was the biggest in the country.  
*The company...*
104. Are French children obliged to go to school on Saturdays?  
*Do...*

105. The Brontë sisters were all novelists. Charlotte was the most famous.  
*(make into one sentence)*
106. It's obligatory for you to salute an officer.  
*You...*
107. She would avoid being late by taking the motorway.  
*If she...*
108. Is it obligatory for us to vote?  
*Do we...*
109. Joe didn't sweep the floor as thoroughly as Mary wanted him to.  
*Joe swept...*
110. It's a pity you suddenly fell ill; then you would have come to America with us.  
*If...*
111. It's possible to see palm trees in Scotland.  
*Palm trees...*
112. This is the coldest winter we remember.  
*We don't...*
113. He sang beautifully. Half the audience cried.  
*(one sentence)*
114. This is the best way to clean your rifle.  
*You...*
115. Some hooligans smashed the shop window last night.  
*The shop window...*
116. Some camels are carrying a group of tourist through the desert.  
*A group of...*
117. Many people believe that UFOS exist, nevermind what the authorities say.  
*UFOS...*
118. It's possible that I will finish work earlier than usual today.  
*I...*
119. It's not necessary for you to wait here. Please come inside.  
*You...*
120. 'I think I should switch on my hazard warning lights,' he said.  
*He said...*
121. Jack always leaves the door open. This annoys you.  
*You say (to Jack): I wish you...*
122. 'Don't call my home in case my wife pick up the phone,' he said to her.  
*He told...*
123. It's high time for us to go home.  
*It's time we...*
124. It used to be necessary for us to sleep under mosquito nets.  
*We...*
125. But for his parents' efforts, he wouldn't have studied Chemistry.  
*If it...*
126. They like lentils better than chickpeas.  
*They don't like...*
127. It's a good thing I had my check-book on me. We would have been in trouble otherwise.  
*If...*
128. This is the worst film I've ever seen.  
*I've...*
129. Unless you stepped on my feet, I would dance with you.  
*If...*
130. They had plenty of time. It wasn't necessary for them to hurry.  
*They had plenty of time. They didn't...*
131. It's possible that Shakespeare wrote it.  
*Shakespeare...*
132. 'If you bother me again, I'll start shouting,' she said to them.  
*She threatened...*
133. Was the medal given by the Queen herself?  
*Did...*
134. She hasn't taken her car to the mechanic for two years.  
*The last...*
135. The girl was very pretty. He was looking at her.  
*(one sentence)*
136. He made many hit records. He became very rich.  
*(one sentence)*
137. The radio said last night that a volcano is erupting on the island of Xand.  
*A volcano...*
138. You're waiting for John. He's late and you're getting impatient.  
*You say: I wish...*
139. It's possible that the bus was full.  
*The bus...*
140. Our postal service used to deliver parcels. Now we have to collect them.  
*Parcels...*
141. Isn't it his duty to be on parade?  
*Shouldn't...*
142. You bought a new one, which wasn't necessary. I could have lent you mine.  
*You...*
143. A new stretch of motorway is going to be built between Graz and Lund.  
*They...*
144. 'Be careful. There are lots of wasps here,' he said.  
*He warned...*
145. I'm sure someone stole his watch while he was asleep.  
*Someone...*
146. In a few years' time, it will be possible for a man to destroy the whole solar system.  
*In a few years time, a man will...*
147. It would be a good idea if you went and asked her yourself.  
*You'd...*
148. He has been drinking too much alcohol for two years.  
*He started...*
149. If you had told me that you were in London, it would have been possible for me to put you up.  
*If you had told me that you were in London, I...*
150. On the day she agreed to marry him, he was happier than he had ever been in his life.  
*The day she agreed to marry him...*
151. He had expensive tastes. He spent all his money.  
*(one sentence)*
152. He gets up earlier than his wife.  
*His wife doesn't...*
153. Will it be necessary for me to invite anyone?  
*Will I...*
154. Her happiness compensates for all the difficult moments she's lived.  
*Her happiness makes...*
155. Butterflies are one of the world's most beautiful insects. They can be found in most countries.  
*(make into one sentence)*
156. It is going to be necessary for me to lose some weight if I want to wear these trousers comfortably.  
*I'm going to...*
157. If only she had taken an umbrella with her.

- She...
158. I hate people throwing rubbish on the grass.  
*I wish...*
159. If only I had a good ear for music.  
*I wish...*
160. It's half an hour now since they started shouting.  
*They have...*
161. 'You didn't pay attention to me when I was a child,' I said to my father.  
*I accused my father...*
162. 'I'll help you to do your homework as soon as I can,' he told his son.  
*He promised...*
163. When she was a young girl she used to wear high-heeled shoes.  
*When she was a young girl she...*
165. The carpenter will repair the shutters of his bedroom tomorrow.  
*He...*
166. She hasn't celebrated her birthday at home for three years.  
*She last...*
167. It's possible that he will study in a public school.  
*He...*
168. He said he wouldn't resign provided a new solution was found.  
*He said he would resign if...*
169. Perhaps they've eaten all the almonds in the packet.  
*They...*
170. Gabriel swims better than anybody in the team.  
*Nobody...*
171. From my point of view, you have made a mistake.  
*In...*
172. I've never heard a better voice.  
*She has...*
173. It was so expensive a fur coat that nobody could afford it.  
*It was such...*
174. This is the village where we spend our holidays every summer.  
*We spend...*
175. He received a lot of fan mail. He could not answer it all.  
*(one sentence)*
176. Am I obliged to eat this food?  
*Do I...*
177. The architect has made the plans for our house.  
*We...*
178. It was very foolish of you to go out yesterday without a coat. No wonder you caught a cold.  
*You...*
179. It's possible to feed everyone if we share the world's resources.  
*Everyone...*
180. 'Yes, I didn't stop at the red light,' she said.  
*She admitted...*
181. I regret not going to the doctor before. My back would be all right now.  
*I wish...*
182. It took the men a month to mend the road.  
*Mending...*
183. The sales are expected to be profitable this year.  
*It...*
184. Please don't come to the station with me. I hate people saying goodbye to me through the window of the train.  
*Please don't come to the station with me. I hate being...*
185. Didn't anyone tell you that we cannot allow people into the area unless they produce a certificate of inoculation?  
*Weren't you...*
186. 'You should have a look at your grammar book every day,' he told me.  
*He advised...*
187. One shouldn't forget to ask a mechanic to check the pressure of his tyres from time to time.  
*One shouldn't forget to have...*
188. I heard the nurse say to him, 'Do lie still. You'll pull your stitches open if you keep moving about like that.'  
The nurse told him...
189. His car was big. He needed to parking spaces.  
*(one sentence)*
190. Weren't you informed that there is going to be a meeting?  
*Did nobody...*
191. Elissa used to laugh more than her brother.  
*Elissa's brother...*
192. We haven't elected a new government for four years.  
*It's...*
193. The police have given everyone two weeks to surrender any guns which they may possess illegally.  
*Everyone...*
194. I suppose his flight was delayed.  
*His flight...*
195. 'I won't go to that hotel again,' she said.  
*She refused...*
196. He took the safe keys with him in case the security officer had gone home.  
*He took the safe keys with him because...*
197. The blue dress isn't quite as pretty as the red one.  
*The red...*
198. It's possible that they didn't realize that he was drowning.  
*They...*
199. I must either buy a new typewriter or take this one to repair.  
*I must either buy a new typewriter or have...*
200. My brother was sorry he had been so rude to her.  
*My brother said, 'I wish...*
201. Take an umbrella with you. It may rain this afternoon.  
*Take an umbrella in...*
202. Before being sold, our products are examined so as to check their quality.  
*Before being sold, our products are examined in...*
203. It was such a dangerous job that he was paid an extra salary.  
*The job was...*
204. 'OK, you have found the best solution,' my boss told me.  
*My boss agreed...*
205. We need to go into that matter very carefully.  
*That matter...*
206. He speaks German better than he speaks French.  
*He doesn't...*
207. I had so dull a companion in my flight to Rome that I decided to listen to my walkman.  
*I had such...*
208. How fast he ran! Nobody could overtake him.  
*He ran so...*
209. Ann isn't here and you need to see her.

- You say: I wish...*
210. If you read more English books, you will find speaking easier.  
*The more...*
211. The judge said to the man in the dock, 'Did you ask for, or receive, permission to use a company car that night?'  
*The judge asked the man in the dock if...*
212. It was impossible for us to get tickets for the concert.  
*We...*
213. I'm not lying on a beautiful sunny beach, and that's a pity.  
*I wish...*
214. She is too proud to apologise for her behaviour.  
*She isn't...*
215. He was gluing the pieces of the broken toy.  
*The pieces...*
216. He arrived twenty minutes late for his interview. It didn't help his chances of getting the job.  
*(make into one sentence)*
217. I've brought you the photographs. I told you about them.  
*(make into one sentence)*
218. Whose is that car outside the gate?  
*Who does...*
219. People say he's the fastest runner in the world.  
*People say nobody can...*
220. I'm certain Roger and Angela have been to England. They speak with a very good accent now.  
*Roger and Angela ...*
221. But for the doctor's decision, she would have died.  
*If it...*
222. 'Congratulations, the prize is yours!', he said.  
*He congratulated...*
223. 'This room is too small,' he said.  
*He complained...*
224. When was gunpowder invented?  
*How long is...*
225. 'Let me help you with that suitcase,' Timothy said to the pretty girl at the station.' It looks too heavy for you.'  
*Timothy offered...*
226. If it doesn't rain soon, a lot of our crops will be lost.  
*Unless...*
227. It's cold and you hate cold weather.  
*You say: I wish...*
228. You only postponed our appointment because you had a headache.  
*If...*
229. Why don't we go to an amusement arcade this afternoon?  
*... an amusement arcade this afternoon?*
230. My sister was very good at playing tennis when she was young.  
*My sister could...*
231. You cannot go into that restaurant without a jacket and tie.  
*Unless...*
232. It was the longest sentence I'd ever read. It was one page long.  
*I had...*
233. 'I'm sorry I didn't send you the letter,' she said to me.  
*She apologised...*
234. I'm not going to tolerate such behaviour in my own house.  
*I'm not going to put...*
235. 'If you really think I said that about you,' said Charles, 'I'm not surprised that you're angry with me. But I assure you I did not.'  
*Charles said that...*
236. Will they have to amputate his leg or will they save it?  
*Will his leg...*
237. Go to your room now.  
*You...*
238. You've painted the gate red. Now you think that it doesn't look very nice.  
*You say: I wish...*
239. In my absence someone had broken the lock of my car and stolen the luggage on the back seat.  
*In my absence the lock of my car...*
240. 'Let's all go to the cinema tomorrow,' said my mother.  
*My mother suggested...*
241. I must add a clove of garlic to the stew.  
*A clove of garlic...*
242. We could go to an Italian restaurant this evening.  
*Why...*
243. I've never drunk such a strange cocktail before.  
*It's...*
244. It was daring of her to live alone in the old mansion.  
*She lived alone in the old mansion,...*
245. They say the Princess is staying incognito at the Hilton.  
*The Princess...*
246. 'Give me some food for the children,' the woman begged us.  
*The woman begged...*
247. You live in a big city and you don't like it.  
*You say: I wish...*
248. The only person to be interested in our house didn't want to pay so much money for it.  
*The only person who...*
249. Paul's brother won the first prize in the contest.  
*Paul is the boy...*
250. This suitcase is too small for all my things.  
*This suitcase is not...*
251. Leonard felt sick because he was eating polluted shellfish.  
*If Leonard...*
252. The jury is to come to a decision before the end of the week.  
*The jury...*
253. I'm feeling better. It isn't necessary for you to stay with me all night long.  
*I'm feeling better. You...*
254. We pay someone to polish these floors at least once a month.  
*We have...*
255. Ralph's passport was nowhere to be found.  
*Nobody...*
256. The only thing I forgot to put in the picnic basket was the bottle-opener.  
*I remembered...*
257. 'Please. don't drive so fast,' Kathleen begged his boyfriend.  
*Kathleen begged his boyfriend...*
258. The balcony was so badly built that it was not safe for people to stand on.  
*The balcony was too...*
259. She hasn't celebrated her birthday at home for three years.  
*She last...*

260. She had written the note so quickly that it was impossible for me to decipher what it said.  
*She had written the note so quickly that it was impossible for me to make...*
261. My friend gets bored, but not as soon as I do.  
*I...*
262. 'You shouldn't have told anybody about it,' my friend told me.  
*My friend complained...*
263. Charles Baker died yesterday. He was famous for his views on world disarmament.  
*(make into one sentence)*
264. They served us fairly quickly last time, but not as quickly as they served us this time.  
*This time...*
265. Marilyn said, 'I'm terribly sorry I'm so late. I wish I could learn to look at the clock. Do please forgive me.'  
*Marilyn apologized...*
266. She was hooked on gambling, making her lose a lot of money.  
*She was hooked on gambling,...*
267. Neither of the men there was the one who attacked her.  
*The man...*
268. My old coins are worth a lot of money. I found them in the attic.  
*(make into one sentence)*
269. Her mother was beautiful, but not to the degree that she is.  
*She is...*
270. The shoemaker is mending my shoes.  
*I...*
271. He looks very young, but in fact he is in his 40s.  
*He looks very young, but the...*
272. They won freedom in the country over a century ago.  
*They have...*
273. In some places they still have donkeys so as to transport heavy things.  
*In some places they still have donkeys in...*
274. In my view, what she has done is quite plausible.  
*As far...*
275. 'Don't forget to set the alarm clock,' you told me.  
*You reminded...*
276. The police discovered that she had killed her husband with cyanide.  
*The police discovered that her husband...*
277. When did the earthquake take place?  
*How long is...*
278. When you were younger, you didn't learn to play a musical instrument. Now you regret it.  
*You say: I wish...*
279. Do you intend to write a new novel next summer?  
*Are you planning...*
280. Since you get on well with people, you won't have problems at the spa.  
*..., you won't have problems at the spa.*
281. It's not as macabre as the previous film.  
*It's less...*
282. 'Would you like to come in?' he said to us.  
*He invited us...*
283. Shall we employ someone to cut down this tree?  
*Shall we have...*
284. Are you really going to allow me to drive your lovely Rolls Royce?  
*Am I...*
285. This hotel is so expensive that we can't stay at it for very long.  
*This hotel is too...*
286. Tom became a vegetarian, which made him happier.  
*Tom became a vegetarian...*
287. When she was looking after her grandson, she remembered her son's childhood.  
*..., she remembered her son's childhood.*
288. As he had decided to do it, he couldn't find any disadvantages to it.  
*..., he couldn't find any disadvantages to it.*
289. The storks will prepare their nest here very soon.  
*The storks' nest...*
290. The last time I drank sherry was a month ago.  
*I haven't...*
291. My family believes that this painting is worth a lot of money.  
*This painting...*
292. May I leave now?  
*Am I...*
293. Jennifer regretted her foolish behaviour.  
*Jennifer wished...*
294. We took more clothes than we needed on holiday last summer.  
*We needn't...*
295. 'We didn't paint on the wall,' the children said.  
*The children denied...*
296. You're walking in the country. You would like to take some photographs, but you didn't bring your camera.  
*You say: I wish...*
297. You are quite slim. It's not necessary for you to do so much exercise.  
*You are quite slim. You...*
298. It's ages since he last played the viola.  
*He hasn't...*
299. Your hair needs washing.  
*You ought...*
300. I'm not nearly such a careful driver as he is.  
*He drives...*
301. You have some unexpected guests. They didn't tell you they were coming. You are very busy and you're not prepared for them.  
*You say to yourself: I wish...*
302. Erica is so careful that she could not have done anything as bad as that.  
*Erica is too...*
303. I told her she looked very smart, but to be honest I didn't think so.  
*I told her she looked very smart, but to tell...*
304. The chair had to be thrown away because its springs had been broken.  
*We...*
305. Mohammed Ali is the only man to regain the world heavyweight championship twice, and his name is well known throughout the world.  
*(make into one sentence)*