

REPHRASING exercises

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ANSWERS

1. She started drinking too much alcohol two years ago. (Verbal Tenses) - She has been drinking too much alcohol for two years.
2. I don't have a computer so I can't type the essay on English grammar. (Conditional Sentence) - If I had a computer, I would be able to type the essay on English grammar.
3. Despite having been vaccinated she caught the flu. (Contrast Connector) - Although she had been vaccinated, she caught flu.
4. "We will arrest them for illegal entry in the country", the policeman said. (Reported Speech) - The policeman said that they would arrest them for illegal entry in the country.
5. The teacher glued the pieces of the broken toy. (Passive) - The pieces of the broken toy were glued by the teacher.
6. It is possible that I finish work earlier than usual today. (Modal verb) - I may finish work earlier than usual today.
7. This is the place. We last had coffee together here. (Relative Clauses) - This is where we last had coffee together.
8. I love German. Unfortunately, I can't speak it fluently. (Wish) - I wish I could speak German fluently.
9. As he hadn't behaved himself, his parents got angry with him. (Causal Connector) - His parents got angry with him because he hadn't behaved himself.
10. Everybody must read the instructions first. (Passive) - The instructions must be read first.
11. He made an effort to speak in English. (Gerund/Infinitive) - He tried to speak in English.
12. I spent my holidays in France. (Question) - Where did you spend your holidays?
13. This is the man. His job is very dangerous. (Relative Clauses) - This is the man whose job is very dangerous.
14. The engineer has repaired my television. (Have sth. Done) - I've had my television repaired (by the engineer)
15. She gave up going to French lessons. (Gerund/Infinitive) - She stopped going to French lessons.
16. I regretted having hit the dog on the head. (Wish) - I wish I hadn't hit the dog on the head.
17. I'm not as good at English as you are. (Comparatives) - You are better at English than me.
18. The policeman knew where the thief was hidden. (Question) - Who knew where the thief was hidden?
19. If your friend doesn't come before ten, he will miss the train. (Conditionals) - Unless your friend comes before ten, he will miss the train.
20. The children stayed at home because it was raining. (Causal Connector) - As it was raining, the children stayed at home.