

TRANSFORMATION OF SENTENCES (SIMPLE, COMPLEX, COMPOUND)

Exercise

A. Transform the following simple sentences into complex or compound sentences.

1. Knocking at the gate, he demanded admission.
2. Blinded by a dust storm, they lost their way.
3. Deceived by his friends, he lost all hope.
4. Driven by hunger, he stole a piece of bread.
5. Overwhelmed with grief, the poor widow killed herself.
6. The sea being smooth, we went for a sail.
7. Weather permitting, the match will be held tomorrow afternoon.

Answers

1. He knocked at the gate and demanded admission.
2. As they were blinded by a dust storm, they lost their way.
3. As he was deceived by his friends, he lost all hope.
4. Because he was driven by hunger, he stole a piece of bread.
5. As she was overwhelmed with grief, the poor widow killed herself.
6. Because the sea was smooth, we went for a sail.
7. If weather permits, the match will be held tomorrow afternoon.

B. Transform the following simple sentences into complex sentences:

1. Alex could not go to school due to his mother's illness.

Complex: Alex could not go to school because his mother was ill.

Or, Alex could not go to school since his mother was ill.

2. Murphy knows Mr. Rashid.

Complex: Murphy knows who Mr. Rashid is.

3. I prayed for your job.

Complex: I prayed so that you could get the job.

4. He admitted his guilt.

Complex: He admitted that he was guilty.

5. He is too weak to carry this heavy bag.

Complex: He is so weak that he cannot carry that heavy bag.

6. He is working relentlessly to finish the work.

Complex: He is relentlessly working so that he can finish the work.

7. He was born in the year of liberation war.

Complex: He was born when it was the year of liberation war.

8. In spite of being a good student, he could not do well on the exam.

Complex: Although he is a good student, he could not do well on the exam.

9. Despite being sick, Robin went to school.

Complex: Though Robin was sick, he went to school.

10. He is too weak to continue walking.

Complex: He is so weak that he cannot walk.

11. They are too strong to lose.

Complex: They are so strong that they cannot lose.

C. Transform the following complex sentences into simple sentences:

1. I know that he is an honest guy.

Simple: I know him to be an honest guy.

2. We could not figure out what he said.

Simple: We could not figure out the meaning of his words.

3. I believe that God exists.

Simple: I believe in God's existence.

4. Those that are helpless deserve our pity.

Simple: The helpless deserve our pity.

5. The statue that is made of marble was bought from Jaipur.

Simple: The marble statue was bought from Jaipur.

6. We saw trees that were laden with fruits.

Simple: We saw trees laden with fruits.

7. They took shelter under a tree because they were driven by the rain.

Simple: Driven by the rain, they took shelter under a tree.

8. He lost all hope because he was deceived by his own friends.

Simple: Deceived by his own friends, he lost all hope.

D. Transform the following complex sentences into compound sentences.

1. Walk carefully lest you should fall.

2. Although she is rich, she is not happy.

3. As soon as we heard the gunshot, we rushed to the spot.

4. If you are honest, you need not fear anybody.

5. I called for John who came at once.

6. Though he is brave, he is careless.

7. You will pass if you work hard.

8. He could not catch the train because he was late.

9. If you cannot obey me you have to quit.

Answers

1. Walk carefully or you will fall.

2. She is rich but she is not happy.

3. We heard the gunshot and rushed to the spot.

4. Be honest and fear nobody.

5. I called for John and he came at once.

6. He is brave but careless.

7. Work hard and you will pass.

8. He was late and could not catch the train.

9. Obey me or quit.

