English Practice

Discovering Lille

Grammar & Vocabulary – B1 / B1+



A Key Word Transformations

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Instructions: *Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first one. Use the word given. Do not change the word given. Use between 2 and 5 words, including the given word.*

1. **I haven't seen my best friend for six months.**
   → The ..... my best friend was six months ago. — **LAST**
2. **Although it was raining heavily, they decided to go out.**
   → They decided to go out ..... heavily. — **SPITE**
3. **The film was so interesting that I watched it twice.**
   → It ..... that I watched it twice. — **SUCH**
4. **I regret buying this expensive jacket.**
   → I ..... this expensive jacket. — **WISH**
5. **This is the first time I have travelled abroad.**
   → I ..... abroad before. — **NEVER**
6. **You don't need to bring any food to the party.**
   → You ..... any food to the party. — **HAVE**
7. **My siater is better at English than I am.**
   → I am ..... my sister. — **AS**
8. **The journey took longer than we expected.**
   → The journey wasn't ..... we expected. — **AS**
9. **Someone has stolen my bicycle.**
   → My bicycle ..... stolen. — **BEEN**
10. **He started working here three years ago.**
    → He ..... three years. — **FOR**
11. **The restaurant was too expensive for us to eat there.**
    → The restaurant ..... for us to eat there. — **ENOUGH**
12. **I prefer watching films at home to going to the cinema.**
    → I ..... to the cinema. — **RATHER**
13. **Perhaps they missed the last bus.**
    → They ..... the last bus. — **MIGHT**
14. **The school organised a trip to London last year.**
    → A trip to London ..... the school last year. — **WAS**
15. **I last visited my grandparents in July.**
    → I ..... July. — **SINCE**
16. **You should study harder if you want to pass the exam.**
    → You ..... if you want to pass the exam. — **BETTER**
17. **The weather was so cold that we couldn't go swimming.**
    → The weather ..... go swimming. — **TOO**
18. **Nobody in the team plays football better than Jack.**
    → Jack ..... in the team. — **BEST**
19. **I didn't have enough money to buy the concert tickets.**
    → I ..... the concert tickets because I didn't have enough money. — **COULD**
20. **We arrived late because the train was delayed.**
    → We arrived late ..... the train. — **DUE**

B Translation

Translate the following sentences into English. Use the vocabulary and structures from the reading text (Discovering Lille).

1. Lille est située dans le nord de la France, près de la frontière belge.
2. Bien que la météo soit parfois froide et pluvieuse, Lille est une ville animée.
3. Dans le Vieux-Lille, les visiteurs peuvent admirer des bâtiments colorés et des rues pavées.
4. La Vieille Bourse est un bâtiment historique entouré de librairies et de petits cafés.
5. La Grand-Place est un lieu de rencontre populaire où les habitants et les touristes apprécient l'atmosphère.
6. La région est célèbre pour ses plats traditionnels, comme la carbonnade flamande et le welsh.
7. La Braderie de Lille a lieu chaque année en septembre et attire des millions de visiteurs.
8. Les visiteurs viennent pour acheter des objets d'occasion et découvrir des produits locaux.
9. Lille est particulièrement populaire auprès des étudiants parce qu'elle possède plusieurs universités.
10. Grâce à ses liaisons ferroviaires à grande vitesse, Paris, Londres et Bruxelles sont facilement accessibles.

