

ANSWER KEY – Sentence Transformations – Writing Task 1

Worksheet 1

Strengths: candidate has used a variety of vocab, the language is accurate (spelling, grammar, word formation, etc), the information is accurate (= it correctly describes the graph), data is given to support the description (e.g. *from 27 degrees*)

Weaknesses: the main weakness is the limited range of structures used – past simple is repeated throughout the extract

Showing a range

A From 1999 to 2005 the temperature fluctuated slightly. (verb + adverb)

B From 1999 to 2005 there was a slight fluctuation in the temperature.
(adj. + noun)

A The weather station recorded temperatures of 18 degrees in 1994. (active)

B Temperatures of 18 degrees were recorded in 1994. (passive)

Note: students need to know that:

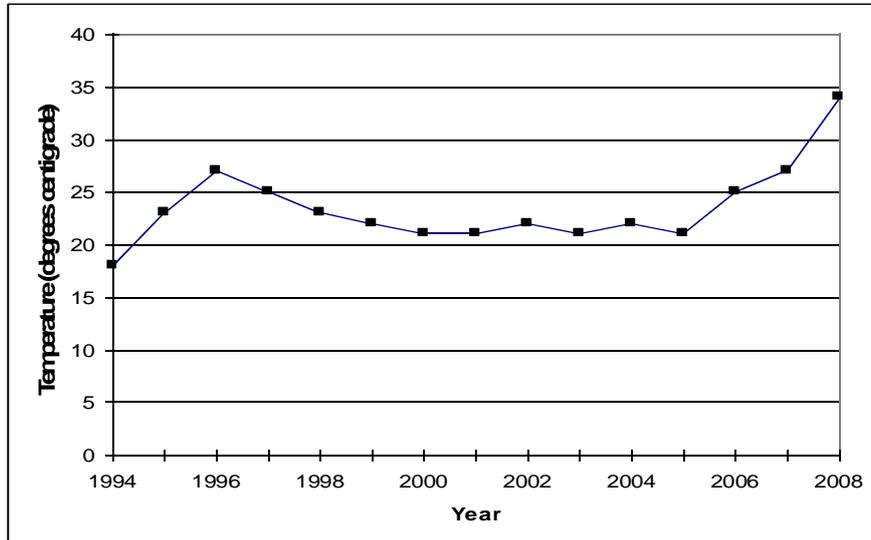
- When transforming **v + adv** to **adj + n**, they need a preposition after the noun and they need to use 'to be' in the correct tense after *there* (in the sentence above, past simple).
- Passive is formed with 'to be' in the correct tense + past participle

Worksheet 2

1. The price of theatre tickets reached a peak in 2004.
There **was a peak in the price of theatre tickets** in 2004.
2. A slight drop in temperatures in 2006 led to an overall average of 24 degrees.
Temperatures dropped slightly in 2006 **leading to** an overall average of 24 degrees.
3. In general, Germany will spend much less on technology than the UK over the next 20 years.
In general, **much less will be spent** on technology in Germany **than in the** UK over the next 20 years.
4. The aging population in the UK has grown steadily.
There **has been steady growth in** the aging population in the UK.
5. Finally, a conveyor belt moves the parcels to the distribution point.
Finally, **the parcels are moved to the distribution point by** a conveyor belt.
6. Spending patterns in Asia have differed significantly since 2008.
There **have been significant differences in** spending patterns in Asia since 2008.
7. The price of oil is expected to rise dramatically.
There **is expected to be a dramatic rise in** the price of oil.
8. The Town Council has made a number of noticeable changes to the layout of the roads.
The layout of the roads **has been changed noticeably**.

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Look at the graph below and read the extract of what one candidate wrote. **What are the strengths and weaknesses of the extract?**



Extract:

The weather station recorded temperatures of 18 degrees in 1994. From 1994 to 1996 the temperature increased rapidly from 27 degrees. However, from 1996 the temperature declined gradually to around 22 degrees in 1998. From 1999 to 2005 it fluctuated slightly and from 2006 it rose dramatically again. The temperature peaked at 24 degrees in 2008.

Showing a range of structures

In Writing Task 1, you need to demonstrate that you can use a range of grammatical structures. Below are two sentences with the same meaning but written in different ways.

Can you complete sentence B in both cases?

- A From 1999 to 2005 the temperature fluctuated slightly. **(verb + adverb)**
- B From 1999 to 2005 there was a _____ _____ the temperature. **(adj. + noun)**

- A The weather station recorded temperatures of 18 degrees in 1994. **(active)**
- B Temperatures of 18 degrees _____ _____ in 1994. **(passive)**

Worksheet 2 – Sentence Transformations – Writing Task 1

Complete the gaps in the sentences below so that the second sentence is expressed in a different way.

Example:

There were dramatic fluctuations in the number of people who took holidays from 2001 to 2005.

The number of people who took holidays *fluctuated dramatically from* 2001 to 2005.

1. The price of theatre tickets reached a peak in 2004.

**There _____ a peak _____ _____ _____ _____
in 2004.**

2. A slight drop in temperatures in 2006 led to an overall average of 24 degrees.

**_____ _____ _____ in 2006 _____ _____ an overall average
of 24 degrees.**

3. In general, Germany will spend much less on technology than the UK over the next 20 years.

**In general, _____ _____ _____ _____ on
technology in Germany _____ _____ _____ UK over the next 20 years.**

4. The aging population in the UK has grown steadily.

**There _____ _____ _____ _____ the aging population
in the UK.**

5. Finally, a conveyor belt moves the parcels to the distribution point.

**Finally, _____ parcels _____ _____ _____
_____ _____ a conveyor belt.**

6. Spending patterns in Asia have differed significantly since 2008.

**There _____ _____ _____ _____ spending patterns
in Asia since 2008.**

7. The price of oil is expected to rise dramatically.

**There _____ expected _____ _____ a _____
_____ the price of oil.**

8. The Town Council has made a number of noticeable changes to the layout of the roads.

The layout of the roads _____ _____ _____ _____.