### Comparisons

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1. Osserva l’esempio e leggi l’Help Box. Poi completa le altre frasi.

0. I made more mistakes than you. 
   You didn’t make as many mistakes as me.

1. We had more visitors this year than last year. 
   Last year we ________________________ visitors as this year.

2. There will be more traffic on the coast than in the interior. 
   There won’t ________________________ in the interior as on the coast.

3. The factory employs more workers than the power plant. 
   The power plant ________________________ workers as the factory.

4. They took more food with them than they needed. 
   They ________________________ food as they took with them.

5. Ben won more games than Max. 
   Max ________________________ games as Ben.

6. The company sells more software abroad than in its country. 
   The company ________________________ software in its country as abroad.

### Help Box

In questo tipo di trasformazione il verbo passa sempre dalla forma affermativa a quella negativa.

I did more work than you.
   You didn’t do as much work as me.
2 Osserva l’esempio e leggi l’Help Box. Poi completa le altre frasi.

0 The public showed less interest than we hoped. **wasn’t**
   There wasn’t as much interest from the public as we had hoped.

1 Even if the hotel is near the airport, there is less noise than we expected. **as**
   Even if the hotel is near the airport, there isn’t ________________________
   we expected.

2 There have been fewer subscriptions than last year. **subscribed**
   Not as many people ________________________ last year.

3 She enjoyed the show less than she had hoped. **as**
   She didn’t ________________________ as she had hoped.

4 There are fewer accidents on this road than there used to be. **as**
   On this road there ________________________ as there used to be.

5 I earn less in my present job than in my previous one. **as**
   In my present job I don’t ________________________ my previous job.

6 What happens when you eat fewer calories than you burn? **many**
   What happens when you don’t ________________________ you burn?


3 Osserva l’esempio. Poi completa le altre frasi.

0 There isn’t as much unemployment as before. **people**
   There are ________________________ people than before.

1 This job doesn’t require as much training as other professions. **than**
   This job requires ________________________ other professions.

2 There haven’t been as many flight cancellations this week as last week. **flights**
   This week ________________________ been cancelled than last week.

3 My website hasn’t had as many visits as your website. **fewer**
   My website has received ________________________ your website.

4 This issue hasn’t received as much attention from us as it deserves. **than**
   We have given this issue ________________________ it deserves.

5 There aren’t as many women as men among our members. **fewer**
   There are ________________________ among our members.

6 Anne didn’t learn as much as she hoped from her course. **learnt**
   Anne ________________________ she hoped from her course.
Osserva l’esempio. Poi completa le altre frasi.

1. It’s a good thing they took an umbrella or they would have got wet.  
   They would have got wet if _______________________ umbrella.

2. It’s a pity you didn’t watch the show or you would have enjoyed it.  
   You would have enjoyed the show ______________________ it.

3. It’s a good thing they built the ring road or we would have spent hours driving through the centre.  
   We would have spent hours driving through the centre if _______________________ ring road.

4. We were lucky to get a lift or we would have had to walk all the way.  
   We would have had to walk all the way if _______________________ lift.

5. It’s a good job Barbara went to the party or she would never have met her boyfriend.  
   Barbara would never have met her boyfriend if _______________________ the party.

6. It’s a good thing we had a tourist pass or we would have spent a fortune in train tickets.  
   We would have spent a fortune in train tickets if _______________________ tourist pass.

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I'm sorry/ regret + present simple  
I wish + past simple

I’m sorry/ regret I don’t understand  
I wish I understood

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Osserva l’esempio e leggi l’Help Box. Poi completa le altre frasi.

1. I’m sorry I don’t have her address.  
   I _______________________ her address.

2. I’m sorry I can’t help you.  
   I _______________________ you.

3. He’s sorry he hasn’t got a job.  
   He _______________________ a job.

4. They regret they have other engagements.  
   They _______________________ other engagements.

5. We regret that we don’t know the answer.  
   We _______________________ the answer.

6. I’m sorry I live so far away.  
   I _______________________ so far away.

7. Your aunt is sorry you never visit her.  
   Your aunt _______________________ sometimes.
2. Osserva l'esempio. Poi completa le altre frasi.

0. I'm sorry I didn't inform you. \(_{\text{wish}}\)
   I wish I had informed you.
1. I'm sorry I took the wrong road. \(_{\text{wish}}\)
   I should have taken the wrong road.
2. I regret buying so many useless things. \(_{\text{wish}}\)
   I shouldn't have bought so many useless things.
3. She's sorry she didn't book earlier. \(_{\text{wishes}}\)
   She regrets not booking earlier.
4. We regret not attending last week's meeting. \(_{\text{wish}}\)
   We wish we had attended last week's meeting.
5. I'm sorry I couldn't meet you at the airport. \(_{\text{able}}\)
   I wish I had been able to meet you at the airport.
6. They are sorry you put so much salt in the soup. \(_{\text{wish}}\)
   They wish they hadn't put so much salt in the soup.

- The past

\[ \text{It's... since + past simple} \quad \leftrightarrow \quad \text{Present perfect simple + for} \]
\[ \text{it's months since I saw...} \quad \leftrightarrow \quad \text{I haven't seen... for months.} \]

1. Osserva l'esempio. Poi completa le altre frasi.

0. It's ages since I had a holiday. \(_{\text{for}}\)
   I haven't had a holiday for ages.
1. It's three weeks since it rained. \(_{\text{for}}\)
   It has been three weeks.
2. It's fifty years since there was an earthquake in the region. \(_{\text{been}}\)
   There hasn't been an earthquake in the region for fifty years.
3. It's days since we had to do any homework. \(_{\text{any}}\)
   We haven't had homework for days.

\[ \text{It's decades since the volcano erupted.} \quad \leftrightarrow \quad \text{since} \]
\[ \text{It's five years since the volcano erupted.} \quad \leftrightarrow \quad \text{since} \]
\[ \text{It's six months since a forest fire in the valley.} \quad \leftrightarrow \quad \text{since} \]
\[ \text{It's weeks since there have been any updates about the new product.} \quad \leftrightarrow \quad \text{update} \]
2 Osserva l'esempio. Poi completa le altre frasi.

0 He had never spoken in public before. [public]
   It was his first public speech.
1 The house had not been inhabited before. [time]
   It was the first inhabited.
2 Kate had never flown in a helicopter before. [flight]
   It was in a helicopter.
3 No one had invited Linda to a fancy dress party before. [invitation]
   It was Linda's a fancy dress party.

0 It was the artist's first exhibition in an art gallery. [never]
   The artist had never exhibited her paintings in an art gallery before.
1 It was the first time Eddy had acted in a movie. [never]
   Eddy movie before.
2 It was the Pope's first visit to the country. [visited]
   The Pope before.
3 It was the first ascent of Mount Everest. [climbed]
   No one before.

3 Osserva l'esempio. Poi completa le altre frasi.

0 The two teams started to play half an hour ago. [playing]
   The two teams have been playing for half an hour.
1 It began snowing two hours ago. [been]
   It two hours.
2 They went to live together in 2012. [been]
   They 2012.
3 Phil turned on the TV at seven. [watching]
   Phil seven.
Scientists have been studying this disease for fifty years. **began**

Scientists **began studying this disease** fifty years ago.

Humans have been living on the island since the fifth century. **settled**

Humans **settled** the island in the fifth century.

They have been producing this model for ten months. **started**

Production of this model **started** ten months ago.

I have been attending this school since January. **enrolled**

I **enrolled** in this school since January.

• The passive

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Osserva l’esempio. Poi completa le altre frasi.

0 The villagers celebrate the festival in August. **celebrated**

The festival **is celebrated by the villagers** in August.

1 They are painting the flat at the moment. **being**

The flat **is being painted** at the moment.

2 A fire destroyed the theatre ten years ago. **by**

The theatre **was destroyed by a fire** ten years ago.

3 When the tourists arrived, the staff was pitching the tents. **being**

When the tourists arrived, the tents **were being pitched** by the staff.

This newspaper is read by a million people every day. **read**

A million people **read this newspaper** every day.

1 The car is being repaired by the mechanics in the garage. **repairing**

The mechanics **are repairing the car** in the garage.

2 A lot of skyscrapers are being built in the area. **are**

They **are being built** skyscrapers in the area.

3 The battle of Austerlitz was won by Napoleon in 1805. **won**

Napoleon **won the battle of Austerlitz** in 1805.
2 Osserva l'esempio. Poi completa le altre frasi.

0 A lot of shops in town are going to reduce their prices. **lowered**
Prices are going to be lowered by a lot of shops in town.

1 We will send the article by international courier. **sent**
The article is going to be sent by international courier.

2 They would postpone the concert if the weather were really bad. **put**
The concert was postponed if the weather were really bad.

3 If you had asked, the staff would have helped you. **been**
If you had asked, you would have been helped by the staff.

4 You can see the painting in the National Gallery. **seen**
The painting can be seen in the National Gallery.

5 The falling tree could have hurt someone if the area hadn’t been closed off. **hurt**
Someone could have been hurt if the area hadn’t been closed off.

6 Local authorities should do something about this problem. **done**
Something should be done about this problem.

0 The name of the winner won’t be disclosed by the organizers until tomorrow. **won’t**
The organizers won’t disclose the name of the winner until tomorrow.

1 Nobody is going to be laid off by the company because of the crisis. **dismiss**
The company isn’t going to dismiss anybody because of the crisis.

2 She would be voted for by a lot of people if she ran for office. **for**
A lot of people would vote for her if she ran for office.

3 Our mission wouldn’t have been accomplished without the help of our friends. **accomplished**
We wouldn’t have accomplished our mission without the help of our friends.

4 Safety hats must be worn by all workers on this site. **wear**
All workers must wear safety hats on this site.

5 This umbrella must have been left on the bus by a passenger. **left**
A passenger must have left the umbrella on the bus.

6 The task was performed skillfully by the workers. **out**
The workers performed the task skillfully.
• Reported speech

**Discorso e domande dirette**

'Did you see...?'

'We won't go...'

**Discorso e domande indirette**

'She asked me if I had seen...'

'They said they wouldn't go...'

1. **Osserva l'esempio. Poi completa le altre frasi.**

0. 'Are you staying at home or are you going out?' my sister asked me. **whether**

   My sister asked me **whether** I was staying... at home or going out.

1. 'I'll bring you the menu,' said the waitress. **us**

   The waitress said **us** the menu.

2. 'Where did the accident happen?' asked the policeman. **where**

   The policeman asked **where** happened.

3. 'I can give you a lift, Zoe,' said Frank. **told**

   Frank **told** give her a lift.

4. 'I haven't finished my homework yet,' she said. **hadn't**

   She told the teacher that she **hadn't** yet.

5. 'Why must I fill in all these forms?' asked John. **had**

   John asked **had** fill in all those forms.

6. 'Does anyone want a cup of coffee?' asked Sue. **if**

   Sue asked **if** of coffee.

**0. The attendant asked us whether we would like a window seat or not. **like**

   'Would you like a window seat or not?' asked the attendant.

1. The delivery man asked where he should put the parcel. **shall**

   'Where **shall** parcel?' asked the delivery man.

2. The announcement said the train was leaving in three minutes. **is**

   'The train **is** in three minutes,' said the announcement.

3. The customer asked about the price of the watch. **this**

   'How **this** cost?' asked the customer.

4. The children said they had been playing in the park when the storm started. **were**

   'We **were** park when the storm started,' the children said.

5. My father asked why there was no milk in the fridge. **any**

   'Why **any** in the fridge?' asked my father.

6. Helen told me she hadn't been able to read my handwriting. **couldn't**

   'I **couldn't**', Helen said.
2 Osserva l’esempio. Poi completa le altre frasi.

0 The instructor said, ‘Bend your legs more!’
   The instructor told me to bend my legs more.

1 ‘Don’t run in the corridor, children,’ the teacher said.
   The teacher told the students not to run in the corridor.

2 ‘You’d better take the other road,’ the officer said.
   The officer advised us to take the other road.

3 ‘Could you give me a hand with this table?’, George asked.
   George asked us to help him carry that table.

4 ‘I’m sorry I didn’t bring a present’, Louise said.
   Louise apologised for not bringing a present.

5 ‘Wait for the starting signal’, the race organizer said.
   The race organizer told the runners to wait for the starting signal.

6 ‘Can I borrow your bike, Anne?’ Paul asked.
   Paul asked Anne if he could borrow her bike.

0 The traveller refused to show the shop assistant his boarding card.
   The traveller said, ‘I won’t show you my boarding card.’

1 I told Tom’s family not to worry about their grandfather.
   I told Tom’s family not to worry about his grandfather.

2 The salesman suggested that we buy the most expensive model.
   The salesman suggested that I buy the most expensive model.

3 Sandra blamed her teammates for losing the match.
   ‘It’s your fault that we lost the match’, Sara told her teammates.

4 My friend promised to return the book the following week.
   ‘I’ll return your book the following week’, my friend said.

5 The politician denied making offensive comments.
   ‘I didn’t make any offensive comments’, said the politician.

6 The security officer forbade us from taking photographs.
   ‘You aren’t allowed to take photographs’, the security officer said.
2. Osserva l’esempio. Poi completa le altre frasi.

0. She has so many qualifications that she got the job easily. **qualified**
   She's **so well qualified** that she _got_ the job easily.

1. My neighbours asked me so many questions that I felt embarrassed. **inquisitive**
   My neighbours were __________________________ I felt embarrassed.

2. He has so much money that he doesn’t need to work. **rich**
   He's ______________________________________ not need to work.

3. There was so much wind that we couldn’t go sailing. **so**
   The day __________________________________________________ couldn’t go sailing.

➡️ 0. The report was so inaccurate that it had to be rewritten. **so**
   There were ___________________________ in the report that it had to be rewritten.

1. They were so grateful for my help that I was moved. **gratitude**
   They expressed __________________________ for my help that I was moved.

2. The war was so long that everybody forgot what living in peace meant. **years**
   The war lasted for __________________________ everybody forgot what living in peace meant.

3. The sky was so cloudy that it was impossible to see the stars. **clouds**
   There were ___________________________ sky that it was impossible to see the stars.

• Conditionals

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0. Wake me up at seven or I’ll miss the train. **if**
   I’ll miss the train. _If_ you don’t wake me up at seven.

1. Speak slowly or they won’t understand. **if**
   They won’t understand ______________________ slowly.

2. Don’t be late or they won’t let you in. **if**
   They won’t let you in ______________________ late.

3. Send me a message or I won’t know where you are. **if**
   I won’t know where you are ______________________ me a message.

4. Don’t expect too much or you’ll be disappointed. **if**
   You’ll be disappointed ______________________ much.

5. Update your antivirus or your computer won’t be protected. **if**
   Your computer won’t be protected ______________________ your antivirus.

6. Don’t tell my parents this story or they will be angry. **if**
   My parents will be angry ______________________ this story.