

Rewriting

In one part of the Use of English paper in the Cambridge First Certificate examination you are asked to rewrite sentences in a different way, using a word given, so that each one means the same as a sentence provided. This tests your knowledge of alternative structures and in some cases of phrasal verbs.

The 15 units in this section each consist of four preparatory exercises, of which one or two of them usually deal with phrasal verbs. There is a

fifth exercise, which is in the format of the examination question. The four preparatory exercises do not follow the examination format but provide the necessary practice to deal with the fifth exercise and with questions of the same kind. Before you answer the preparatory exercises, you will find it helpful to look at relevant entries in the Reference Section; the Reference Section number is given in brackets beside the exercise heading, like this: (RS3).

1 A Comparison of adjectives and adverbs (RS3, 4)

Compare these sentences:

She's **taller/more intelligent than** her brother.
Her brother is **not as/so tall/intelligent as** she is.

She plays tennis **better/more aggressively than** her brother.

Her brother doesn't play tennis **as/so well/aggressively as** she does.

Rewrite the sentences below without changing the meaning, beginning with the word in brackets.

- 1 I don't work as hard as she does. (She ...)
- 2 He's more interested in sport than I am. (I ...)
- 3 They're not as well off as their cousins. (Their cousins ...)
- 4 She doesn't write as beautifully as Anne. (Anne ...)
- 5 I can run faster than all my friends. (None of ...)

B The same, as ... as (RS3, 4, 61)

Compare these sentences:

She **weighs as much as** her elder sister.
She is **the same weight as** her elder sister.

Rewrite the sentences below without changing the meaning, using the words given in brackets.

- 1 I paid as much for my car as he did. (price)
- 2 Mary's room is the same size as mine. (big)
- 3 She earns as much as her father. (gets, salary)
- 4 The baby's eyes are as blue as his mother's. (are, colour blue)
- 5 I was born on the same day as she was. (am, old)

C the only ... who/that, everyone/no one else ... except/but (RS19)

The **only one who/that** came to her wedding was Ruth.

No one else came to her wedding **but/except** Ruth.

The **only one (whom/that)** you **don't** know is John.

You know **everyone else but/except** John.

Rewrite the sentences below without changing the meaning, using a construction with the word(s) in (brackets).

- 1 The only one who ever loved her was James. (else)
- 2 No one else brought a present except Charles. (only)
- 3 The only one who didn't accept the invitation was Alan. (else)
- 4 I've introduced you to everyone else but my cousin. (only)
- 5 Everyone else has gone home except Sarah. (only, still here)

