

### A history of newspapers

Newspapers have existed <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_ a lot longer than most people think. In fact, the first newspaper <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_ in Rome in 59 BC! In the seventeenth century, the first real newspapers appeared in most European capitals, including Stockholm, <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_ capital city of Sweden, where they published a newspaper called Post-och Inrikes Tidningar for the first time in 1645. It <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_ today, which means that it's the oldest newspaper in the world.

By the early eighteenth century, daily newspapers <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_ popular and common. In Britain, the first daily newspaper was called the Daily Courant. The newspaper had already been sold as a monthly publication on the streets of London for over eighty years before its owners decided <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_ it a daily newspaper in 1702. Reading the news was becoming more popular because more and more people were learning to read.

In the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, newspapers were a way of life for many people. However, recently, things have changed. There are now <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_ different ways of <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_ the news, so newspapers aren't as popular as they were fifty years ago.

1   **a** than   **b** when   **c** for   **d** since

2   **a** was publishing   **b** published   **c** had published   **d** was published

3   **a** a   **b** an   **c** the   **d** -

4   **a** is still being published   **b** still publishes   **c** is still publishing   **d** still published

5   **a** were become   **b** has become   **c** had become   **d** becomes

6   **a** to make   **b** make   **c** to making   **d** making

7   **a** much   **b** a little   **c** a lot of   **d** any

8   **a** hear   **b** hearing   **c** to hear   **d** to hearing

**7 There is one word missing in each sentence. Rewrite the sentences adding the word in the correct place.**

1 How many times you volunteered abroad?

1 The garden in this house is not big for us.

2 I'm a couch surfer and at the moment I staying with a family in Colombia.

3 How many countries you visit when you were travelling?

4 We were really tired when we going up the mountain.

5 I normally have few apples a day.

**8 Rewrite sentence b so that it has a similar meaning to sentence a. Use the words in brackets. Do not change the given words.**

1 a She finished the race a few minutes ago.

b \_\_\_\_\_ (just)

2 a She's never at work on Mondays.

b \_\_\_\_\_ (go)

3 a I only have a few glasses of water a day.

b \_\_\_\_\_ (many)

4 a I was getting off the bus when I noticed that everything fell out of my bag.

b \_\_\_\_\_ (as)

5 a Cibo is an Italian restaurant. We went there for my birthday.

b \_\_\_\_\_ (where)

6 a We moved to the UK in 2007.

b \_\_\_\_\_ (since)

7 a Our house costs the same as our neighbour's house.

b \_\_\_\_\_  
(expensive)

8 a This house is too small for us to buy.

b \_\_\_\_\_ (big)

**12 Put the words in brackets into the correct noun, verb, adjective or adverb form.**

- 1 Leaving my family and going to study abroad was a very difficult \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) for me.
- 2 You shouldn't use that kind of language – it's very \_\_\_\_\_ (polite).
- 3 I'm very \_\_\_\_\_ (hope) that I'll get a job with our local newspaper.
- 4 You didn't have to send me a card, but it was very \_\_\_\_\_ (think) of you.
- 5 It was very difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ (solution) the problem, but in the end we did.
- 6 I was \_\_\_\_\_ (surprise) that my dad enjoyed the rollercoaster ride.

**16 For each question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use no more than three words.**

1. We were informed about the meeting at the last minute.  
They \_\_\_\_\_ us about the meeting at the last minute.
2. The car was too expensive for me to buy.  
I did \_\_\_\_\_ money to buy the car.
3. This spring has been much cooler than last year.  
Last spring \_\_\_\_\_ as this year.
4. The exam wasn't as easy as I'd expected.  
The exam was \_\_\_\_\_ I'd expected.
5. Jennifer feels lonely. She's always by herself.  
Jennifer feels lonely. She's always \_\_\_\_\_ own.
6. There are few new students in my class.  
There aren't \_\_\_\_\_ in my class.
7. What's the length of the river Thames?  
How \_\_\_\_\_ the river Thames?
8. They never meet during the summer.  
They never see \_\_\_\_\_ during the summer.
9. There is plenty of food in the fridge.  
There is a \_\_\_\_\_ in the fridge.

10. Shall I make some tea?  
Do you want \_\_\_\_\_ some tea?
11. May we play football in the park?  
Are we \_\_\_\_\_ football in the park?
12. Perhaps John is at home.  
John \_\_\_\_\_ at home.
13. She cut her finger while she was cutting onions.  
She was \_\_\_\_\_ she cut her finger.
14. You are the most generous friend I've ever had.  
I've never had \_\_\_\_\_ friend than you.
15. When I was a child, I always spent my summer holidays at my grandparents'.  
When I was a child, I \_\_\_\_\_ my summer holidays at my grandparents'.
16. It's two days since they left.  
They left \_\_\_\_\_ .
17. The last time I saw Paul was three weeks ago.  
I \_\_\_\_\_ Paul for three weeks.
18. They were all nervous before the exam.  
Everybody \_\_\_\_\_ before the exam.
19. They have never been to the theatre before.  
It's the first time \_\_\_\_\_ to the theatre.
20. Shall we go to another place?  
Shall we \_\_\_\_\_ else?
21. I won't leave the office before receiving your email.  
I won't leave the office until \_\_\_\_\_ your email.
22. There's a possibility of rain tomorrow.  
I think \_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow.
23. The weather was so bad that we couldn't leave the hotel for two days.  
We couldn't leave the hotel for two days \_\_\_\_\_ was very bad.

24. Don't come home late. Dad will be angry,  
If you \_\_\_\_\_, dad will be angry.

**KEY WORD TRANSFORMATION: Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first, using the word given. Use between TWO and FIVE words.**

Could you lend me your car until the weekend? (BORROW)  
Could \_\_\_\_\_ your car until the weekend?

Some monkeys use sign language to talk to people. (COMMUNICATE)  
Some monkeys \_\_\_\_\_ people through sign language.

I found some old photos when I was tidying up my room. (ACROSS)  
I \_\_\_\_\_ some old photos when I was tidying up my room.

A jar of jam and a jar of marmalade are not the same thing. (DIFFERENCE)  
There \_\_\_\_\_ jam and marmalade.

I'm searching for a Canadian student called Emily. Have you seen her? (LOOKING)  
I'm \_\_\_\_\_ a Canadian student called Emily. Have you seen her?

We don't know anything about the problem. (INFORMATION)  
We don't \_\_\_\_\_ about the problem.

There are quite a few things I would like to do when I'm old. (NUMBER)  
There are \_\_\_\_\_ things I would like to do when I'm old.

There is only a little fish left in the fridge. (MUCH)  
There \_\_\_\_\_ fish left in the fridge.

I think we should build a new shopping centre in the suburbs. (FAVOUR)  
I am \_\_\_\_\_ a new shopping centre in the suburbs.

John sent me a text message. (RECEIVED)  
I \_\_\_\_\_ John.

Let's buy these Ferraris, we have a lot of money! (ENOUGH)  
We are \_\_\_\_\_ to buy these Ferraris.

Don't put those plastic bags in the trash bin! – Use them again. (AWAY)  
Don't \_\_\_\_\_! – Use them again.

Why don't you return the trousers to the shop you bought them from? (BACK)  
Why don't you \_\_\_\_\_ to the shop you bought them from?

I don't agree with your opinion on the new sports park. (WRONG)  
I think you \_\_\_\_\_ the new sports park.

Our car stopped on the motorway, so we had to call for help. (DOWN)  
Our car \_\_\_\_\_ on the motorway, so we had to call for help.

It wasn't necessary for me to buy tickets for the concert. (NEED)  
I \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for the concert.

There are no students on the bus (ANY)  
There are \_\_\_\_\_ students on the bus.

Marco is 16 years old and Flavio is 15 years old. (THAN)

Marco is \_\_\_\_\_ Flavio.

My computer doesn't work so I can't email you. (WRONG)

There is \_\_\_\_\_ my computer, so I can't email you.

Have you ever participated in online computer games? (PART)

Have you ever \_\_\_\_\_ online computer games?

My father likes playing football with his best friend (KEEN)

My father \_\_\_\_\_ playing football with his best friend

There are a few students in the class. (NOT)

There \_\_\_\_\_ students in the class.

I failed the French exam but Maria passed it because she's good at it. (WORSE)

I'm \_\_\_\_\_ French than Maria.

1. I didn't understand his explanations. (WAS)

2. I didn't know what \_\_\_\_\_ about.

3. 3. He doesn't usually fail his exams. (HARDLY)

4. He \_\_\_\_\_ his exams.

5. 4. She didn't answer the phone during dinner. (WHILE)

6. She didn't answer the phone \_\_\_\_\_ dinner.

7. 6. The trip was too expensive for me. (ENOUGH)

8. I \_\_\_\_\_ to go on the trip.

9. 8. I don't know why we went to the performance (WASTE).

10. Going to the performance was \_\_\_\_\_ time.

11. 10. Could you lend me your car tomorrow? (MIND)

12. Would you \_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow?

6. The restaurant bill was wrong. (MISTAKE)

7. The restaurant \_\_\_\_\_ with our bill.

10. I live in a very dry area. (RAIN)

It \_\_\_\_\_ much where I live.

12. "Fill in the form, please." (ASKED)

The hotel manager \_\_\_\_\_ fill in the form.

Maria and I have similar interests. (COMMON)

I have a lot \_\_\_\_\_ Maria.

8. He said he wanted a job (LOOKING).

He said \_\_\_\_\_ a job.

10. Did they have fun at the party? (ENJOY)

\_\_\_\_\_ at the party?

12. Our trip to the skiing resort lasted five hours. (TOOK)

It \_\_\_\_\_ to get to the skiing resort.

13. Could I borrow your motorcycle? (MIND) Would \_\_\_\_\_

me your motorcycle?

2. I fell behind the other students in the class. (KEEP)

I couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ the other students in the class.

3. I changed my attitude towards immigration after I had seen the TV documentary. (MADE)

The TV documentary \_\_\_\_\_ my attitude towards immigration.

12. The manager did not accept my proposal. (REJECTED)

My proposal \_\_\_\_\_ the manager.

13. I can't wait to come along with you next week. (FORWARD) I'm

\_\_\_\_\_ along with you next week.

9. This summer is being much hotter than last year.

**HOT**

Last summer \_\_\_\_\_ this year.

10. The English exam wasn't as difficult as the maths test.

**WAS**

The English exam \_\_\_\_\_ the maths test.

11. This is the nicest car I've ever seen.

**HAVE**

I \_\_\_\_\_ nice car.

12. I've never seen a more capable and dedicated person.

**A**

I've never seen \_\_\_\_\_ and dedicated person.

**Word formation: Use the word in brackets at the end of each sentence to form a new word that fits in each blank.**

1. He never has anything \_\_\_\_\_ to say when he gets up to speak (CONSTRUCT).

2. 2. Going by plane is \_\_\_\_\_ to travelling by car. (PREFER)

3. 3. The lesson was so \_\_\_\_\_ , we almost fell asleep. (BORE)
4. 4. \_\_\_\_\_ people never talk about the money they have. (WEALTH)
5. 5. City authorities are cutting down trees for \_\_\_\_\_ parking space (ADDITION) .
6. 6. It's \_\_\_\_\_ to go out in the wild all on your own. (DANGER)
7. 7. A new \_\_\_\_\_ centre is planned on the far end of the city. (INDUSTRY)
8. 8. \_\_\_\_\_ jobs are very rare in this part of the country. (ATTRACT)
9. 9. The scenery is so \_\_\_\_\_ around here. It's lovely. (BEAUTY)
10. 10. I felt that the performance was quite \_\_\_\_\_. (AMUSE)
11. 11. I hope it will stay dry for the match, but I am rather \_\_\_\_\_. (DOUBT)
12. 12. Children are very \_\_\_\_\_ when they are young. (CREATE)
13. 13. The town is facing serious \_\_\_\_\_ problems. That's why they need help from the government (FINANCE)
14. 14. Come on, be \_\_\_\_\_. You can never win against him. (REASON)
15. 15. He is so \_\_\_\_\_. He always breaks things and never picks them up. (CARE)
16. 16. His behaviour was very \_\_\_\_\_ , so the police arrested him. (SUSPECT)
17. 17. Nordic walking is a very \_\_\_\_\_ way of exercising. (EFFECT)
18. 18. Many African colonies became \_\_\_\_\_ after World War II (DEPEND)
19. 19. We are very \_\_\_\_\_ and enjoy playing strong teams. (COMPETE)
20. 20. The film was very \_\_\_\_\_. We didn't like it (DISAPPONT)
15. The musician won a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ by uploading all his videos onto YouTube. (FAMOUS)
16. What is the best way to lose \_\_\_\_\_ ? (WEIGH)
17. When the factory closed over a hundred people became \_\_\_\_\_. (EMPLOY)
19. The police couldn't catch the \_\_\_\_\_ , so he escaped. (ROB)
20. It was a \_\_\_\_\_ film . We were all glad we saw it. (THRILL)
21. It was \_\_\_\_\_ for him to play for the rival football team. (THINK)
22. The \_\_\_\_\_ agreed to go through with the experiment for us. (SCIENCE)
23. \_\_\_\_\_ TV is watched by many people around the world. (REAL)
24. Amateur and \_\_\_\_\_ players were allowed to take part in the tournament. (PROFESSION)
25. It was a good \_\_\_\_\_ that we saw yesterday. (PERFORM)



**5 Put the words in brackets into the correct noun, verb, adjective or adverb form.**

- 1 There's something wrong with my \_\_\_\_\_ (see) – I think I need to get new glasses.
- 2 We enjoy going to Spain. The food there is very \_\_\_\_\_ (taste).
- 3 It rained all week, but \_\_\_\_\_ (fortunate) there was plenty to do in the indoor leisure centre.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ (surprise), life in the 1940s wasn't easy.
- 5 My sister was \_\_\_\_\_ (embarrass) when she couldn't get on her horse.
- 6 The wildlife in Costa Rica was \_\_\_\_\_ (amaze).
- 7 We had an \_\_\_\_\_ (excite) time during our rafting trip down Rio Negro.
- 8 The \_\_\_\_\_ (develop) of the frontal cortex happens last.
- 9 Teenagers sometimes do risky things to make an \_\_\_\_\_ (impress) on their friends.
- 10 They had no \_\_\_\_\_ (intend) of coming to my party.

**11 Complete each pair of sentences a and b with the same word.**

- 1 a Vancouver is full of \_\_\_\_\_, glass, high-rise buildings.  
b A typical \_\_\_\_\_-day family in the US has two children and lives in the \_\_\_\_\_ suburbs.
- 2 a My two little brothers always \_\_\_\_\_ into trouble at school, so my \_\_\_\_\_ parents get called in to see the teacher.  
b My parents have been talking about moving into the country because they want to \_\_\_\_\_ away from the busy city life.
- 3 a You won't \_\_\_\_\_ any progress if you don't work hard.  
b I need to \_\_\_\_\_ an excuse, so that I can leave the meeting early.
- 4 a Our teachers told us to \_\_\_\_\_ out everything about the universities we \_\_\_\_\_ wanted to apply to.  
b Never give up and try to \_\_\_\_\_ a way to solve your problems.
- 5 a Don't forget to buy a \_\_\_\_\_ for John and Mary's anniversary.  
b At \_\_\_\_\_ not many teenagers in my country go abroad to do volunteer \_\_\_\_\_ work.
- 6 a When I did an internship at our local newspaper, I was asked to \_\_\_\_\_ a story.  
b My uncle is a detective and he's helping the police to \_\_\_\_\_ a crime.

- 2 a the b u c a
- 3 a blew b was blowing c blown
- 4 a to go b to going c going
- 5 a A b The c O
- 6 a while b since c when
- 7 a broke up b broke out c broke down
- 8 a to get b getting c get
- 9 a getting b was getting c gets
- 10 a When b As c Because
- 11 a getting b to get c get
- 12 a more cold b the coldest c colder
- 13 a see b seeing c sight
- 14 a turn up b turn back c turn out
- 15 a to swim b swimming c swim
- 16 a more b enough c too
- 17 a when b whose c that
- 18 a anyone b no one c someone
- 19 a much b many c a lot of
- 20 a to go b go d going