

KEY WORD

TRANSFORMATION

MOST COMMON TRANSFORMATIONS

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There is no point in doing ...
It is not worth doing ...
It's no use doing ...
It's no good doing ...
Do not bother to do /doing...

It happened for the second year running.
It happened for the second year in succession.
It happened for the second year in a row.

He is about to do it.
He is on the verge of doing it.
He is on the point of doing it.

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HOW TO USE THIS EBOOK.

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Note:

You will find that the subjects and objects in the examples have with substituted for:

X = 1st Subject or 1st Object.

Y = 2nd Subject or Object

Z = 3rd Subject.

- 1- Someone will **always remember** X / doing X.
Someone will **never forget** X / doing X.
- 2- I think doing X is a **waste of time**.
There is no point in doing X.
There isn't any point in doing X.
It is **not worth doing X**.
It's no use doing X.
It's no good doing X.
Do not **bother to do /doing X**
- 3- **It's possible that** X did Y.
X **might** have done Y.
- 4- X **continued** to do Y.
X **carried on** doing Y.
- 5- There **isn't much chance of** X doing Y.
X **isn't likely to** do Y.
There is little prospect of x doing Y.
- 6- X is **not going to do Y anymore/** X is going to **stop doing Y**.
X is going to **give up doing Y**.
- 7- I'm **sure** X was very Y.
X **must have been** very Y.
- 8- X really **ought to do** Y.
It is **high time** for X to do Y / It is **high time** (that) X did Y.
It is **about time** for X to do Y / It is **about time** (that) X did Y.
- 9- X **wishes he had done Y / X wishes he had not done Y**
X **regrets not having done Y / X regrets having done Y**
- 10- Although / even though **it was X**.
Despite / In spite **of it being X**.

- 11- He **doesn't like either** of them.
He **likes neither** of them.
- 12- X should **think about Y**.
X should **take Y into consideration**.
- 13- X **does not stop Y from** doing A.
X is **ineffective at** stopping Y from doing A.
- 14- X **wants to learn / start learning Y**.
X **want to start doing Y**.
X wants to **take up Y / doing Y**
- 15- X **became** quite Y.
X was **overcome with/by** Y.
- 16- X went somewhere **on his/her own**.
X went somewhere **by himself/herself**.
X went somewhere **alone**.
- 17- X saw something and did Y **immediately**.
X saw something and did Y **without hesitation**.
- 18- It's **the most X** I've ever seen.
I **have never seen such** an X / I **have never seen a more** X.
- 19- **Do you think** you could give me a hand to do Y?
Would you mind giving me a hand to do Y?
I would appreciate it if you could give me a hand to do Y.
I would appreciate it if you gave me a hand to do Y.
I would appreciate your giving me a hand to do Y.
I would appreciate you giving me a hand to do Y.
- 20- X is **not as good** at A as Y.
Y is **better** at A **than** X.
- 21- X **wants to do Y**.
X is **interested in doing Y**.
X **has an interest in doing Y**

- 22- X **will only do** A **if** Y does B.
X **will not do** A **unless** Y does B.
X **will do** A **as long as / so long as** Y does B.
X **will do** A **provided (that)** Y does B
- 23- X can do A **provided (that)** he doesn't do B.
X can do A **providing (that)** he doesn't do B.
X can do A , **but only if** he doesn't do B
X can do A **on the condition (that)** he doesn't do B.
X can do A **as long as** he doesn't do B.
- 24- X **demanded to do** Y.
X **insisted on doing** Y.
- 25- X should **consider** A before doing B.
X should **take into account** A before doing B.
- 26- X was **led to believe** Y...
X was **under the impression (that)** Y...
X was **given the impression (that)** Y...
- 27- **Feel free to do** Y.
Do not hesitate to do Y.
- 28- When you **decide** to do Y.
When you **make up your mind** to do Y.
When you **come to the decision** to do Y
When you **make the decision** to do Y
- 29- X **would never have guessed** that ...
X **would never have though** that...
Little did X know that...
- 30- **Do you mind if I do** Y?
Do you have any objection to me/my doing Y?
- 31- **Not as many people** do X as when Y.
There are **a lot fewer people** doing X than when Y.

- 32- X was **shocked/ surprised** by Y.
X was **taken aback** by Y.
- 33- X **knows / knew nothing** about Y
X **is / was in the dark** about Y.
- 34- X happened for the **second year running**.
X happened for the **second year in succession**.
X happened for the **second year in a row**.
- 35- X **must never** do A without doing Y first.
On no account must X do A without doing Y first.
X **shouldn't do** A without doing Y first.
- 36- X is **not very likely to** be given Y.
X has **little chance of** being given Y.
- 37- **If you don't do X you shouldn't do Y**.
Don't do Y unless you do X.
- 38- He **dismantled** X to see what the problem was.
He **took X apart** to see what the problem was.
- 39- X is **rumored to be** (doing) Y.
Rumor has it that X is (doing) Y.
Word spread that X is (doing) Y.
Word got out/around that X is (doing) Y
- 40- X is **about to do** Y.
X is **on the verge of doing** Y.
X is **on the point of doing** Y.
- 41- X **does not intend** to do Y.
X **has no intention of** doing Y.
X **would not dream of** doing Y.
X is not **planning to do** Y.
X is not **planning on doing** Y

- 42- X has a **good reputation** for Y.
X is **highly regarded** for Y.
X is **held in high repute** for Y.
- 43- X was **surprised** to be given Y.
Being given Y **came as a surprise** to X.
Much to his surprise, X was given Y.
- 44- X is **improving**.
X is **changing for the better**.
X is **making an improvement**.
X is **getting better**.
X is **looking up**.
- 45- X is going to **get worse**.
X is going to **change for the worse**.
X is going to **worsen / deteriorate**.
- 46- X was **very disappointed** when Y decided to leave.
Y's decision to leave, **came as a disappointment** to X.
Much to X's disappointment, Y decided to leave.
To X's great disappointment, Y decided to leave.
- 47- **Much to X's surprise/amazement/annoyance...** , Y happened.
To X's great surprise/amazement/annoyance... , Y happened.
Y **came as a surprise/amazement/annoyance** to X.
- 48- X is **almost certain** to get Y.
X **has every chance of** getting Y.
There is no doubt that X will get Y.
X is **bound to** get Y.
- 49- **If X had had more time** he would have done Y.
If X had not been **short on/of time** he would have done Y.
- 50- X **did not mention** Y.
X **made no reference to** Y.

- 51- X **didn't arrive** on time.
X **failed to arrive** on time.
- 52- X never **thought of doing Y**.
It never **occurred to Y to do Y**.
The thought of doing Y **never crossed X's mind**.
- 53- **Despite** all his efforts X could not do Y.
No matter how hard X tried , he could not do Y.
However hard X tried, he could not do Y.
- 54- X is **going to become Y one day**.
It is only a matter of time before X becomes Y.
- 55- X will not **tolerate Y**.
X will not **put up with Y**.
- 56- X can do Y **provided (that) Z happens**.
As long as Z happens X can do Y.
- 57- X **couldn't do / wasn't able to do Y** because Z.
Z made it impossible for X to do Y.
- 58- X said that he/she **would not do Y**.
X **refused to do Y**.
- 59- **There is no way** X will do Y.
X has **no intention of doing Y**.
X has **no thought of doing Y**.
X **wouldn't dream of doing Y**.
- 60- X needs to **make a decision** about Y .
X needs to **make up his/her mind** about Y.
- 61- X claims must be **submitted** before Y.
You needs to **put in** your x claims before Y.
- 62- There are various ways of **avoiding Y**.
Y can be **prevented** in various ways.

- 63- X thinks learning Y is a **waste of time**.
X can't see **the point in/of** learning Y.
X **sees no point in** learning Y
- 64- Y should be turned off **at all times** during Z.
Under no circumstances should Y be kept turned on during Z.
Whatever happens, Y should never be kept turned on during Z.
- 65- **If X doesn't do** Y on time , his Z will be rejected.
Failure to do Y on time **will result in** Z being rejected.
- 66- X **soon recovered** after Y.
X **made a quick/fast/speedy/rapid recovery** after Y.
- 67- X **has a good reputation** in the city.
X is **highly regarded** in the city.
X is **highly thought of** in the city.
X is **highly spoken of** in the city.
- 68- There are **no fewer than** X.
There are **as many as** X.
- 69- X **ignored** what Y said.
X **took no notice of** what Y said.
X **didn't take any notice of** what Y said.
X **didn't heed** what Y said.
X **paid no heed to** what Y said.
X **didn't pay any heed to** what Y said.
- 70- X **was certain** that Y would be OK.
X **was in no doubt** that Y would be OK.
- 71- X **had completely forgotten** Y / that he did Y.
X **didn't have any recollection of** Y/ of doing Y.
X **had no recollection of** Y/ of doing Y.
- 72- If X hadn't done Y, he might have **become a famous** Z.
If X hadn't done Y , he might have **made a name for himself as a** Z

- 73- X said Y **was his fault**.
X **took the blame / took responsibility for** Y.
- 74- **Nobody ever** told X that Y.
At no point was X told that Y.
- 75- X didn't know he **had to do** Y.
X didn't know he **was meant to do** Y.
X didn't know he **was supposed to** do Y.
- 76- X **tried really hard** , but never got Y.
No matter how hard he tried , he never got Y.
However hard he tried, he never got Y.
- 77- X said Y , but I'm sure **he is wrong**.
X said Y, but I'm sure **he's made a mistake**.
X said Y, but **he must have made a mistake**.
- 78- You should do Y **so that you are sure** to succeed.
It's worth doing Y **just in case you don't** succeed.
- 79- X likes **to look/ looking after** Y.
X likes **to take/taking care of** Y.
X enjoys **taking care of** Y.
- 80- **It is possible** that X didn't do Y.
X **might** not have done Y.
- 81- X **didn't manage to win** Y.
X **didn't succeed in winning** Y.
- 82- It is difficult to **accept** Y.
It is difficult to **get used to** Y
It is difficult to **come to terms with** Y.
- 83- X will be **punctual** today.
X will be **on time** today.

- 84- X was **not used to** Y.
Y was something X was **not accustomed to**.
- 85- Some people really **struggle with** X.
Some people **find X / doing X very difficult/hard**.
- 86- X found it **difficult to think of** the right answer.
X found it **hard to come up with** the right answer.
- 87- X shows that Y **has risen sharply** today.
According to X there has been a **dramatic rise** in Y today.
- 88- The flight **leaves** New York at 2pm.
The flight **takes off from** New York at 2pm.
- 89- There **was a fault with** X and the Y didn't work.
The Y whose X **was faulty/ had a fault**.
- 90- Y **was too expensive** for X to buy.
X **didn't have enough money** to buy Y.
- 91- Y is **easier than** Z.
Y is **not as hard as** Z.
- 92- We have not arranged a date for X yet.
A date for X **has not been arranged** yet.
- 93- **I'll call you later tonight**, X promised.
X promised that **he would call later that night**.
- 94- X did Y **so that** he would be ready for the race.
X did Y **in order to** be ready for the race.
X did Y **so as to** be ready for the race.
- 95- X had to **finish Y before he went out**.
X had to **stay in until he had finished Y**.
- 96- X had **not expected Y to be so good**.
Y was **better than** X had expected.

97- **Do you know** the way to the restaurant? X asked Y.

X asked Y **if she knew** where the restaurant was.

98- X decided to **advertise** Y on the internet.

X decided to **put an ad / advert/ advertisement** for Y on the internet.

99- X did Y **a month ago**.

It **has been a month since** X did Y.

It **is a month since** X did Y.

100- The meeting was **cancel** because Y.

The meeting was **called off** because Y.

101- X **is interested in** learning Y.

X **would like to** learn Y.

102- **Did you go to** the tournament on Saturday? David asked me.

David wanted to know **if I had been to** the tournament on Saturday.

103- X never **takes any notice of** Y.

X never **pays any attention to** Y.

104- X is **really excited about** Y / doing Y.

X is **looking forward to** Y/ doing Y.

X **can't wait to** do Y

105- They **are said to be** worried about Y.

There is said to be concern among them about Y.

106- I don't think they should **abolish** Y.

They shouldn't **do away with** Y.

107- X has to **reduce** the number of Ys he eats.

X has to **cut down on** the number of Ys he eats.

108- X will **let you stay with them**.

X will **put you up**.

X will **take you in**.

- 109- X says **he prefers to do** something on his own.
X says **he'd rather not do** something with other people.
- 110- X **said he had not** done X
X **denied having done** X.
X **denied doing** X
- 111- **It took X** five minutes to do Y.
X took five minutes to do Y.
X **spent** five minutes doing Y.
- 112- X **will take place after** Y.
Y **will be followed by** X.
X **will be held after** Y
- 113- X did Y **although he had never done** Z.
In spite of X never having done Z he did Y.
- 114- It is thought that X **cannot do** Y.
X is thought to be **unable to do** Y.
- 115- X **needs doing.**
X **needs to get done.**
- 116- **There is no point in doing** X.
It's no use doing X.
It's no good doing X.
It's not worth doing X
- 117- X **cried his eyes out** *immediately* when he was told Y.
X **burst into tears** as *soon as* he was told Y.
X **broke in/into tears** as *soon as* he was told Y.
X **broke out in/into tears** as *soon as* he was told Y.
- 118- X managed to **persuade Y to do** Z.
X managed to **talk Y into Z / into doing** Z.

- 119- X managed to **persuade Y no to do Z.**
X managed to **talk Y out of Z / out of doing Z.**
- 120- X does Y **now and again.**
X does Y **(every) now and then**
X does Y **(every) once in a while**
X does Y **from time to time**
- 121- **Nearly every X there is Y**
Hardly an X passes without there being a Y
- 122- **Nobody can foresee** how X will react.
It remains to be seen how X will react.
- 123- X said **he objected to Y.**
X **raised /voiced objections to Y.**
X **had objections to Y.**
- 124- X **owed Y €200.**
X was **€200 in debt to Y.**
- 125- X **owed €200 to Y.**
X was **in debt to Y for €200.**
- 126- X **was easy for to do Y.**
X **had no difficulty (in) doing Y**
X **didn't have any difficulty (in) doing Y.**
X **didn't find it hard to do Y.**
- 127- X **arrived at X just in time to do Z.**
X **made (it to) X just in time to do Z.**
- 128- X **made Y go to bed early** because she had to do Z
X would **have let Y stay up late** if she hadn't had to do Z
- 129- X **escaped** in a white Mercedes
X **made his getaway** in a white Mercedes

- 130- X **said it was Y's fault** that Z happened.
X **placed the blame on Y** for Z having happened.
X **laid/pin/put/place the blame on Y for Z** .
Y **got the blame for Z** happening.
Y **came in for** the blame of ...
- 131- X **finds it very satisfying** doing Y.
X **gets a lot of satisfaction from doing** Y.
- 132- **It doesn't seem to me** as if Y is Z.
As far as I can tell Y is not Z.
- 133- X **maintains that he kept his word** that he would not tell anyone X's secret.
X denies **breaking his promise** to keep X's secret.
- 134- X studied history **because he/she wanted** to become a Y.
X studied history **with a view to** becoming a Y.
X studied history **with a eye to** becoming a Y.
- 135- **It wasn't necessary** for X to do Y but he did it.
X **needn't have done** Y.
- 136- **Perhaps X did** Y and Z happened.
X **may have done** Y and Z happened
- 137- X is **certain Y did** Z.
Y **must have done** Z
136. X **didn't feel like doing** Y that night.
X was **not in the mood for doing** Y that night.
X was **not in the mood to do** Y that night.
137. X was **offended by** what Y said.
X **took exception to** what Y said.
X **took offence at** what Y said.
138. X thinks it would be better to **get on** as quickly as possible.
X would prefer us **TO MAKE AS MUCH** progress as we can.

139. X wishes to **express his concern over** Y.
X feels he must say **HOW WORRIED HE IS BY** Y.
140. X was astonished by Y as he **hadn't thought he would** win a Z.
Not HAVING EXPECTED a Z, X was completely astonished by Y.
141. X found it difficult to **get used to the fact that** he'd lost his job.
X found it hard **TO COME TO TERMS WITH** the fact that he'd lost his job.
142. X was upset that Y **didn't support him** in the argument.
X was upset Y **DIDN'T BACK HIM UP** in the argument.
143. X is sure that Y can **solve the problems**.
X is sure that Y can **COME UP WITH A SOLUTION** to the problems.
144. **They say** X is Y.
X is **reputed/said to be** Y
145. Doing Y is my **number one priority**.
It is of the **utmost importance that** I do Y.
146. X **had to try** for months **before he got** Y.
Only after trying for months **did X get** Y.
Only after having tried for months **did X get** Y.
147. X **rarely does** Y.
Rarely does X do Y.
148. **As soon as X did** Y somebody's phone rang.
No sooner had X done Y than somebody's phone rang.
149. X **has never read** such a boring book before.
Never before has X read such a boring book.

150. **This door must not be left** open at any time.
At no time must this door be left open.
151. X only caught Y when his wife came.
Only when his wife came, did X catch Y.
152. X is **not revealed until the very last page.**
Not until the very last page , is X revealed.
153. **X would never do Y again.**
Never again **would X do Y.**
154. **X had hardly done Y when** the phone rang.
Hardly had X done Y when the phone rang
155. X had not enjoyed himself so much since Y.
Not since Y, had X enjoyed himself so much..
156. **X had never been to** such a fantastic Y.
Never had John been to such a fantastic Y.
157. **X in no way wants to be** associated with Y.
In no way does X want to be associated with Y.
158. **X had scarcely finished Y when Z** happened.
Scarcely had X finished Y when Z happened.
159. **X seldom does Y** so early .
Seldom does X do Y so early.
160. X **rarely appreciates Y** .
Rarely does X appreciate Y.
X **hardly ever** appreciates Y.
161. X would understand Y **only later** .
Only later would X understand Y..

162. **X had seen such Y** nowhere before .
Nowhere before had X seen such Y.
163. **X understood little** about the situation.
Little did X understand about the situation...
164. X always **gives the impression that** he's very confident.
X always **comes across as** being very confident.
165. X **didn't know** that x were so expensive
X **had no idea** that x cost so much.
166. Don't **get depressed** because of X.
Don't let X **get you down**.
167. X is **recovering** in hospital.
X is **making a recovery** in hospital.
168. X must **take as much advantage as possible** of Y
X must **make the most of** Y
169. X **doesn't mind** where we go.
It doesn't matter to X where we go.
It's all the same to X where we go.
170. **There is no more X** available in Y.
Y has **run out of** X.
171. X **doesn't like Y** very much.
X is **not very keen on** Y.
172. X **needed Y** yesterday but he **couldn't get it**.
X **could have done with** Y yesterday.
173. **I'm sure she will** do a good job.
She is bound to do a good job.
There is no doubt in my mind that she will do a good job.

174. **X had an argument with Y** and are not talking to each other anymore.
X fell out with Y.
175. **X caught a cold.**
X came down with a cold.
X went down with a cold.
176. **X was affected by Y**
X felt the effects of Y
177. **X has been too busy to do Y**
X has not got round to doing Y yet.
178. **X didn't know** how to do Y , so he made a mistake.
Not knowing how to do Y , X made a mistake.
179. **I think** there are going to be X.
In my opinion , there are going to be X.
In my estimation, there are going to be X.
If you ask me, there are going to be X.
180. **Having finished** X, John went home.
After finishing X , John went home.
After he had finished X , John went home.
181. **I don't** believe that Y will do Z.
It is my belief that Y won't do Z.
I have/get the impression that Y do won't Z.
I have/get a feeling that Y won't do Z.
I have/get the feeling that Y won't do Z.
There is no reason to believe that Y will do Z.
182. **While X was walking** down the street , he saw Y.
While walking down the street , X saw Y.
When X was walking down the street , he saw Y.
It was while X was walking down the street that he saw Y.

183. X disagreed with Y, so he resigned
X's resignation **resulted from** his disagreement with Y
X's disagreement with Y **resulted in** his resignation.
X's disagreement with Y **led to** his resignation.
184. X **couldn't understand** what had happened.
X couldn't **work out** what had happened
X couldn't **put the finger on** what had happened
X couldn't **piece together** what had happened.
185. X is **becoming quite well known** as a Y
X is **making a name for himself/herself** as a Y
186. X **made his mark on** Y
X **had an important effect on** Y
187. **When it comes to** X
As far as X is concerned
188. You **need to have a lot of X to do Y**
Y calls for a lot of X
189. He **didn't do X until Y happened.**
It was only when Y happened that he did X
190. **It seems unbelievable** that X is Y when it is so Z
X is so Z that **it is hard to believe** that it is Y.
191. X **could do with** Y
X **could use a** Y
X **could benefit from** Y
Y **would do X good**
192. **Y is impossible** for X.
Y is out of the question for X.
There is no question for X of...
It's out of the question for X to do Y
There is no question of doing Y
There is no question of X doing Y

193. X **watched** Y while Z did ...
X **guarded** Y while z did...
X **kept an eye on** Y while Z did...
194. X **assumed** Y was coming
X **took for granted** Y was coming
X **took it as read** that Y was coming
195. X **let Y know** what was going on.
X **put Y in the picture about** what was going on.
X **brought Y up to speed about/with** what was going on.
X **filled Y in on** what was going on.
196. The company struggled to **replace X**
The company struggle to **fill the vacancy/post created/left by X**
197. X **headed to/for** the door
X **made his/her way to** the door.
198. X was **faced with** some difficulties.
X **came up against** some difficulties.
X **met with** some difficulties.
199. X **found Y by chance**.
X **came across** Y.
X **bumped into** Y.
200. The meeting has been **postponed** until next week.
The meeting has been **put off** until next week.
201. X found it difficult **to understand** Y.
X struggled **to understand** Y.
X found it hard to **get/come to grips with** Y.
X found it difficult to **get his head around** Y.
- 202- X **did not realise** how important Y was.
X **failed to realise** the importance of Y

- 203- X was **raised** by his parents.
X was **brought up** by his parents.
- 204- X is **investigating** allegations of Y.
X is **looking into** allegations of Y.
- 205- X is **considering** ways of cutting costs.
X is **looking at** ways of cutting costs.
- 206- I will **consider** it and give you an answer next week.
I will **think it over** and give you an answer next week.
- 207- X can't ride a bike, **so he certainly can't** ride a motorcycle.
X can't ride a bike, **much less** a motorcycle.
X can't ride a bike, **even less** a motorcycle.
X can't ride a bike, **still less** a motorcycle.
X can't ride a bike, **let alone** a motorcycle.
- 208- X **tends to do** Y
X **is in the habit of doing** X
X **has the habit of doing** X
- 209- When X first met him, **he thought he was** very polite.
When X first met him, He **struck him as (being)** very polite.
When X first met him X **got/had the impression that** he was very polite.
- 210- X **said he was sorry for** doing Y.
X said **he regretted** doing Y
X **apologized for doing** Y.
- 211- X **doesn't care** if Y does it or not.
It makes no difference to X whether/if Y does it or not.
It's all the same to X whether /if Y does it or not.
It is of no consequence to X whether /if Y does it or not.
- 212- X **impressed** Y.
X **made a good impression on** Y.

- 213- X **can alter** depending on the weather.
 X **is subject to alteration** depending on the weather.
 X **is subject to change** depending on the weather.
- 214- Hopefully, this will **help us to understand** what happened.
 Hopefully, this will **shed/ cast/ throw some light on** what happened.
- 215- X **corrected Y on** a number of points which Y had misunderstood.
 X **set/put Y right on** a number of points which Y had misunderstood.
 X **set/put Y straight on** a number of points which Y had misunderstood.
- 216- X **concluded that** there was nothing else he could do.
 X **came to the conclusion that** there was nothing else he could do.
 X **reached the conclusion that** there was nothing else he could do.
 X **drew the conclusion that** there was nothing else he could do.
- 217- X is **so + adjective** (e.g. powerful, beautiful, interesting, etc.) that...
Such is X's + noun (e.g. power, beauty, interest, etc.) that...
- 218- **In the end** X got home on Tuesday.
 X **ended up getting** home on Tuesday.
Eventually, X got home on Tuesday.
 X **finally** got home on Tuesday.
- 219- X **always does** Y when Z happens.
 X **has a tendency to do** Y when Z happens.
- 220- X says that Y **was not as good as he expected**.
 X says that Y **didn't live up to his expectations**.
 X says that Y **fell short of his expectations**.
- 221- X is **a much better mechanic than** Y.
 Y is **nowhere near** as good as a mechanic as X.
- 222- **Only** X prevented Y.
Had it not been for X, Y would have happened.
- 223- **One day** something will happen.
It's only a matter of time before something happens.

- 224- X treats Y as a brother **rather than** as a friend
X treats Y **not so much as a friend as a brother**.
- 225- X didn't do it **because he didn't want** Y to happen.
X didn't do it **for fear of** Y happening.
- 226- **Since** X is inevitable, we need to learn to do Y.
As X is inevitable, we need to learn to do Y.
Given that X is inevitable, we need to learn to do Y.
Because X is inevitable, we need to learn to do Y.
- 227- X **will need to do** Y every day **if he wants** to succeed.
Only by doing Y every day will X succeed.
- 228- X is thought to have **caused** Y.
Y is thought to have been **brought about** by X.
X is thought to have **given rise to** Y.
- 229- X **has been thinking about** Y all day.
Y **has been on X's mind** all day.
- 230- X wishes Y would stop **criticizing** his work.
X wishes Y would stop **finding fault with** his work.
- 231- **It's impossible to say** who will win.
There is no (way of) telling who will win.
- 232- **More than** 100 people **came to** the meeting.
More than 100 people **show up at/for** the meeting.
More than 100 people **turn up at/for** the meeting.
More than 100 people **attended** the meeting.
Over a 100 people came to the meeting.
- 233- X wants to do Y **as far as I know**.
To (the best of) my knowledge, X wants to do Y.
From what I understand, X wants to do Y.
My understanding is that X wants to do Y.

- 234- X **has very little** Y.
X **hardly has any** Y.
- 235- Women **outnumbered men by two to one** at the concert.
There were **twice as many women as men** at the concert.
- 236- X says that he **can't promise that** you will succeed.
X says that he **can't guarantee that** you will succeed.
- 237- X wants to do Y but **has not found the time to do** it yet.
X wants to do Y but has not **got (a)round to doing** it yet.
- 238- The traffic jam **delayed X** for several hours.
The traffic jam **held X up** for several hours.
- 239- X **told Y not to** go there because it was snowing.
X **warned Y against/ off going** there because it was snowing.
X **warned Y not to** go there because it was snowing.
- 240- The cost of X **has come down**.
The has been a drop in the cost of X.
The has been a fall in the cost of X.
- 241- X was **bitterly disappointed** he was not given Y.
To **X's bitter disappointment**, he was not given Y.
- 242- **Even if it is hard**, we want to do it.
Hard though it may be, we want to do it.
- 243- X **started doing Y seriously**.
X **got down to doing** Y.
243. X **was forced to do** Y.
X **had no choice but to do** Y.
244. X **replaced Y** after the meeting.
X **took the place of Y** after the meeting.
X **substituted for Y** after the meeting.

245. X has a **feeling of great respect for** Y's dedication.
X **admires Y for** his dedication.
X **looks up to Y for** his dedication.
246. X **finds Y really annoying**.
Y **gets on X's nerves**.
247. The building is going **to be destroyed**.
The building is going **to be knocked down**.
The building is going **to be demolished**.
248. It is **X's responsibility to do Y**.
It is **X's decision to do Y**.
It is **down to X to do Y**.
It is **up to X to do Y**.
249. X is **scheduled to start** at 5 p.m.
X **is to start** at 5 p.m.
250. I can't **remember** her name.
I can't **recall** her name.
I can't **bring her name to mind**.
I can't **call her name to mind**.
I can't **think of** her name.
Her name **doesn't come to me**.
251. X **didn't realized** what it meant at the beginning.
The meaning **didn't sink in with X** at the beginning.
X **didn't understand** what it meant at the beginning.
252. Doing Y is **not allowed** here.
Doing Y is **not permitted** here.
Doing Y is **forbidden** here.
253. X was **dismissed** for being late.
X was **fired** for being late.
X was **got the sack** for being late.
X was **given the sack/ given the boot** for being late.
X was **removed from his job** for being late.

254. X **doesn't have enough money** to buy expensive clothes.
X **can't afford to buy** expensive clothes.
X's salary **doesn't run to** (buying) expensive clothes.
255. **If X doesn't do Y his reputation will be damaged.**
X wants to do Y to **live up to his reputation.**
256. What happened **confirmed** what X predicted.
X's predictions **were borne out by** what happened.
257. **The only person** who didn't come was X.
Everybody came **apart from X.**
Everybody came **except for X.**
258. X **didn't accept** the job he was offered.
X **rejected** the job he was offered.
X **turned down** the job he was offered.
259. X has a **natural ability** for computers.
X has a **natural talent** for computers.
X **has a flair for** computers.
X is **very skilful with** computers.
X **has always been very good** with computers.
260. X is having his house **decorated.**
X is **having improvements made to his house.**
X is **having his house done up.**
261. It is **not probable** that he will be returning to England.
It is **improbable** that he will be returning to England.
It is **not likely** that he will be returning to England.
It is **unlikely** that he will be returning to England.
He is **unlikely** to be returning to England.
He is **not likely** to be returning to England.
262. I **regret not telling** the truth.
I **wish I had** told the truth.
If **only I had** told the truth.

263. Do you mind if I **phone you later**?
Can I **get back to you** later?
264. X has done Y **for as far as he can remember**.
X **can't remember when he started** doing Y.
265. X was so **thrilling** that Y couldn't stop cheering.
Y was so **thrilled** by X that he couldn't stop cheering.
266. **Mike, you broke my computer**. Said Nigel.
Nigel accused Mike of breaking his computer.
267. X **didn't want to go out**.
X **didn't feel like going out**.
X **was not up for going out**.
X **was not in the mood for going out**.
268. X **was determined to do Y**.
X **insisted on doing Y**.
269. X **can't drive because of** his disability.
X's disability **prevents him (from) driving**.
270. When X was a kid, **he would play football every Friday**
When X was a kid, **he used to play football every Friday**
When X was a kid, **he was in the habit of playing football every...**
When X was a kid, **he was accustomed to playing football every...**
271. X was very **tired, after working so much** that day.
X **ran himself into the ground** that day.
X **drove himself into the ground** that day.
X **worked himself into the ground** that day.
272. X **only managed to see the thief for a second** as he ran away.
X **saw the thief briefly**, as he ran away.
X **only caught a glimpse of** the thief as he ran away.
X **only caught sight of** the thief as he ran away.
273. X lost his job **because of** his laziness.
X lost his job **on the grounds of** his laziness.

274. X **becomes/gets angry** when people shout at him.
X **loses him temper** when people shout at him.
X **gets mad** when people shout at him.
X **flies off the handle** when people shout at him.
275. X realised **he could never be** an actor.
X realised **he was not the right type of person to be** an actor.
X realised **he was not cut out to be** an actor.
276. X **caused Y to be cancelled**.
Y was cancelled **because of X**.
Y was cancelled **as a result of X**.
277. X didn't seem to **realize** the magnitude of the problem.
X didn't seem to **understand** the magnitude of the problem.
X didn't seem to **be aware of** the magnitude of the problem.
X seemed **to be unaware of** the magnitude of the problem.
X didn't seem to **grasp** the magnitude of the problem.
278. X wants to **throw Y away**.
X wants to **remove Y**.
X wants to **get rid of Y**.
279. X **is head of** this company.
X **is in charge of** this company.
X **is the person leading** this company.
280. She is **by nature** not critical.
It's not in her nature to be critical.
She is **not one to be** critical.
It's not like her to be critical.
It would be out of character of her to be critical.
It is not in her character to be critical.
281. X's application was turned down **because** he didn't have Y.
X's application was turned down **on the grounds that** he didn't have Y.
282. X didn't do Y **because it was raining heavily**.
But for the heavy rain, X would have done Y.

283. X was **highest** in November.
X was **at its highest** in November.
X **reached a peak** in November.
284. So much responsibility was **putting pressure on X**.
So much responsibility was **weighing X down**.
So much responsibility was **weighing down on her**.
285. X **fell slightly** yesterday.
There was a brief dip in X yesterday.
286. X expects to do Y **before he is thirty**.
X expects to do Y **by the time he is thirty**.
287. Scientists have made an unexpected **discovery**.
There has been an unexpected **breakthrough**.
288. X felt very **comfortable** doing Y.
X was very **confident and relaxed** doing y.
X was **at ease** doing Y.
289. X **made Y stop**.
X **put an end to Y**.
290. **Explaining what you mean** to a kid can be difficult.
Getting your point across to a kid can be difficult.
Getting your message across to a kid can be difficult.
291. X is living there **temporarily**.
X is living there **for the moment**.
X is living there **for the time being**.
292. I need to **make her understand** that I don't want to see her anymore.
I need to **get it across to her** that I don't want to see her anymore.
I need to **get it through to her** that I don't want to see her anymore.
293. It was a **mistake not to do Y**.
I **should have made it a point of doing Y**.
I **should have made it my business to do Y**.

294. X **did Y easily**.
X **had no problem in doing Y**.
X **had no problem doing Y**.
X **had no problems doing Y**.
X **didn't have any problems doing Y**.
X **had no difficulty in doing Y**.
X **had no difficulty doing Y**.
295. The business has **been bought by X**.
The business has **been taken over by X**.
The business is **under new management**.
The business is **under the management of X**.
296. How much **did you pay for X**?
How much **did X cost you**?
How much **did X set you back**?
How much **did you spend on X**?
297. X **is too lazy to do Y**.
It is **too much effort for X to do Y**.
X **can't be bothered to do Y**.
298. X **had to deal with** a serious problem.
X **was faced with** a serious problem.
X **came up against** a serious problem.
X **met with** a serious problem.
X **encountered** a serious problem.
299. X has **no connection with** (being)Y.
X is **not the cause of** (being)Y.
X is **not related to** (being)Y.
X has **nothing to do with** (being) Y.
X **doesn't equate to/with** (being) Y.
300. X wanted to **save some money** for Y.
X wanted to **set aside some money** for Y.
X wanted to **set some money aside** for Y.
X wanted to **put aside some money** for Y.
X wanted to **put some aside money** for Y.

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