

## SENTENCE RECONSTRUCTION

Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it means exactly the same as the sentence printed before it.

**Example:** He stole some money and was arrested for it.  
He was ...

**Answer:** He was arrested for stealing some money.

1. I have to write letters, but I hate it.  
I hate ...
2. Someone opened the door just after she rang the bell.  
She had hardly ...
3. People say that he has been all over the world.  
He is ...
4. Please don't make so much noise.  
I'd rather ...
5. You should have your eyes tested.  
It's about time ...
6. I'm looking for something to wear to a party.  
What ...
7. 'I must write to my parents soon,' she said.  
She told me that ...
8. Someone might be repainting the house for us next year.  
We ...
9. Please don't smoke in this room.  
Would you mind ...
10. Now that I've got used to it, I ride a bicycle everywhere.  
I've now got used ...
11. They'll certainly arrive before lunch.  
They're bound ...
12. Could I borrow that book, please?  
I don't suppose ...
13. They were still painting the shop when I passed yesterday.  
The shop ...
14. Will they allow me to leave my suitcase here?  
Will they let ...
15. She's been working here for ten days, and next Saturday will make it a fortnight.  
By next Saturday ...
16. I caught the early bus because I didn't want to have to rush.  
So as ...
17. She works extremely efficiently.  
She's ...
18. I regret buying that radio.  
I wish ...
19. We'll get over the problem easily if nothing else goes wrong.  
Unless ...
20. The robber made the bank manager give him the money.

The bank manager ...

## SENTENCE RECONSTRUCTION - ANSWERS

1. I hate having to write letters.
2. She had hardly rung the bell when somebody opened the door.
3. He is said to have been all over the world.
4. I'd rather you didn't make so much noise.
5. It's about time you had your eyes tested.
6. What I'm looking for is something to wear to a party.
7. She told me that she had to write to her parents soon.
8. We might have our house repainted next year.
9. Would you mind not smoking in this room, please?
10. I've now got used to riding a bicycle everywhere.
11. They're bound to arrive before lunch.
12. I don't suppose I could borrow that book.
13. The shop was still being painted when I passed yesterday.
14. Will they let me leave my suitcase here?
15. By next Saturday she will have been working here for a fortnight.
16. So as not to have to rush, I caught the early bus.
17. She's an extremely efficient worker.
18. I wish I hadn't bought that radio.
19. Unless something else goes wrong, we'll get over the problem easily.
20. The bank manager was forced/made to give the money to the robber.