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Good morning students,

Today we are going to continue with the topic transformation of sentences as a part of your English Language assignment. This topic has been taken from your English Language book titled 'Collins English Grammar and Composition'. We have started this topic in our last week assignment. All of you need to pay attention as this topic is new for you. Now let us start with the topic.

Students, in our previous lesson we have done transformation of sentences based on their meaning. i.e. assertive, interrogative, exclamatory and imperative. let us revise the meaning of transformation of sentences. Now you all must be knowing that conversion of sentences from one type to another type without changing the meaning is called transformation of sentences. There are many ways to convert a sentence from one type to another type. Some of them we have discussed in our previous

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lesson. Now, let us start with some other ways to convert a sentence from one type to another type without changing its meaning.

* - Changing the Degrees of Comparison
Students, structure of a sentence can be changed by changing the degree of comparison of the adjectives and adverbs in the sentence.

1. Changing the Positive degree to Comparative -
When we change the positive degree to comparative, we change the adjective or adverb from the positive degree to comparative degree when we convert a sentence in this way we use more...than instead of as...as. If the sentence is affirmative, it is changed to negative.

Example -

- i - Landline phones are not as reliable as cellphones. (positive)
- Cellphones are more reliable than landline phones.
- ii - Very few other animals are as faithful as the dog. (positive)
- The dog is more faithful than most other animals.

2. Changing the Comparative Degree to Superlative -

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When we change the comparative degree to superlative, we change the adjective or adverb from the comparative to superlative and we use the word any other in place of more -- than. To change a sentence from any other degree to the positive, the words like no other and very few are used.

Examples

- i - Jupiter is bigger than any other planet. (Comparative)
- Jupiter is the biggest planet. (Superlative)
- No other planet is as big as Jupiter. (positive)

Students, let us take a break to check your understanding of the topic. After listening to the questions carefully you may

write your answers.

Q1. Change the degree of comparison in these sentences without changing the meaning.

- i) Very few boys in the school are as strong as Anil.
- ii) Mumbai is more crowded than any other city.
- iii) Anjali is the best singer in the class.

- Students, break is over we will discuss the answers.

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Ai. Anil is stronger than most other boys in the school. (Comparative)

- Anil is one of the strongest boys in the school. (Superlative)

A ii. No other city is as crowded as Mumbai. (positive)

i. - Mumbai is the most crowded city. (superlative)

A iii. Very few singers in the class are as good as Anjali. (positive)

- Anjali is better than most of other singers in the class. (comparative)

Students, now we will continue with the topic.

We have done that how to change sentences by changing the degrees of comparison.

Students there is one thing to keep in mind that when only two persons or things are compared it is not possible to transform a sentence into the superlative degree of comparison.

Example -

- Gold is heavier than silver (comparative)

- Silver is not so heavy as gold. (positive)

Students, we cannot change this sentence into superlative degree as only two things are compared in this sentence.

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Now we will do conversion of sentences by changing one part of speech with another.

i. Substituting a Verb

Example

- You should obey your teachers. (verb)
- You should be obedient to your teachers. (noun)

ii. Substituting an Adjective

Example

- He is an intelligent man. (adjective)
- He is a man of intelligence. (noun)

iii. Substituting a Noun

Example

- The cost of this book is sixty rupees. (noun)
- This book costs sixty rupees. (verb)

iv. Substituting an Adverb

Example

- She drives the car carefully. (adverb)
- She drives the car with care. (noun)

Students, here we have done that sentences can be changed by changing the parts of speech.

Alright students we have done with the lesson and in this lesson you have learnt about the conversion of sentences by

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Changing the degrees of comparison and by changing the parts of speech. Now all of you are required to read the provided content and content given in your book carefully and try to attempt exercises G, H given in your book page number 134, 135, 136 as a part of your home assignment.

Students, answers to the home assignment will be provided you in the answer key on Thursday.
Thank you.

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