

## Exercises

## Unit 100

100.1 Write new sentences with a similar meaning beginning with one of these words and phrases.

only if      barely      only with      rarely      at no time      little

1 A new film has not often before produced such positive reviews. Rarely has a new film produced such positive reviews.

2 The public was never in any danger.

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3 He only felt entirely relaxed with close friends and family.

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4 The match won't be cancelled unless the pitch is frozen.

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5 I didn't know then that Carmen and I would be married one day.

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6 He had only just entered the water when it became clear he couldn't swim.

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Now do the same using these words and phrases.

only once      only in      on no      hardly      not only      not for one  
account      moment

7 You must not light the fire if you are alone in the house.

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8 There was never any competitiveness between the three brothers.

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9 I wasn't only wet through, I was freezing cold.

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10 I had only ever climbed this high once before.

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11 The audience had only just taken their seats when the conductor stepped on to the stage.

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12 He has only been acknowledged to be a great author in the last few years.

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**100.2 Complete these sentences in any appropriate way. You can use the following words in your answers.**

**alike          boring          complicated          dominance          interest          strength**

1 Such *is the interest in Dr Lowe's talk* that it will be held in a bigger lecture theatre.

2 Such \_\_\_\_\_ that few buildings were left standing in the town.

3 Such \_\_\_\_\_ that he hasn't lost a match for over three years.

4 So \_\_\_\_\_ that even their parents couldn't tell them apart.

5 So \_\_\_\_\_ that it even took a computer three days to solve it.

6 So \_\_\_\_\_ that most of the students went to sleep.

**100.3 Correct any mistakes you find in this newspaper item.**

### **TOWN EVACUATED AS FOREST FIRES APPROACH**

The people of Sawston were evacuated yesterday as forest fires headed towards the town. Such the heat was of the oncoming inferno that trees more than 100 metres ahead began to smoulder. Only once in recent years, during 1994, a town of this size has had to be evacuated because of forest fires. A fleet of coaches and lorries arrived in the town in the early morning. Into these vehicles the sick and elderly climbed, before they headed off to safety across the river. Residents with cars left by mid morning, as all non-essential police officers did.

Hardly the evacuation had been completed when the wind changed direction and it became clear that the fire would leave Sawston untouched. Soon after that

were heard complaints from some residents. "At no time the fires posed a real threat," said one local man. "I didn't want to leave my home, and nor most of my neighbours did." So upset some elderly residents are that they are threatening to complain to their MR But Chief Fire Officer Jones replied, "Hadn't we taken this action, lives would have been put at risk. Only when the fires have moved well away from the town residents will be allowed to return to their homes."