Word Order Exercises

**Task 1: Construct sentences by putting words and phrases in the right order**

***Example:*** he was working / before lunch / as far as I know / in the shed / with his electric drill

*As far as I know he was working with his electric drill in the shed before lunch.*

1. you not to leave / for the next hour / I’d prefer / as may brother can give / then / you / home / a lift
2. he was the chap / his aunt / who used the visit / as you remember / well / for an hour or two / in the house / everything / on the hill
3. during the rush hour / as a rule / it / very busy / here / gets
4. into the question / quite honestly / in detail / at the moment / I don’t want to go
5. of the boys jumping and skipping / thoroughly / and / acting / generally / in a disgraceful manner / outside / I approve
6. at fortnightly intervals / normally / the club meets / but / usually / he attends / only / the annual general meeting / in November / held / rarely / otherwise / he is seen / unless / he is invited / formally

**Task 2: Rearrange the following passage so that it makes sense**

It is taken from the foreword to a book entitled “Passage to America” by Terry Coleman, (Penguin 1972), which deals with the hardship encountered by emigrants from the United Kingdom to America in the period 1846-1855.

this is a history of immigrants who / in 1846 – 55 / Great Britain and Ireland / left /. the greatest emigration / these ten years saw / by far / from the United Kingdom / till then / known to America /.



***Note****: it is a good idea to look for the subject and the main verb first, and then decide where to put the adverbial expressions.*