Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)
Use of English Part 4

50 Key Word Transformation Exercises

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For Questions 25-30 complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. **Do not change the word given.**
You must use between **three and six words**, including the word given.

Here is an example (0).
Example: (0) There is no point in trying to convince her. She won’t listen.
use
It......**is no use trying to** ....convince her. She won’t listen.
1. He lost no time in telling what he wanted us to do.
   He ................................................................. about what he wanted us to do.

2. I advised John not too buy such an old car, but he ignored me.
   I told John it wasn’t a good idea to buy such an old car, but ........................................... to my advice.

3. Mike explained to me what had happened.
   Mike ................................................................. about what had happened.

4. My new car is not only very big but also fast and comfortable.
   My new car is very big, ........................................ fast and comfortable.

5. He is an expert at flipping pancakes.
   When .................................................. pancakes, he’s an expert.

6. Some people mistake her shyness for aloofness.
   She is quite shy, but she can ........................................ to some people.
7. The patient took 20 minutes to regain consciousness after the operation.
   round
   It took the ........................................... after the operation.

8. I can’t understand why anyone would want to buy such an old house.
   beyond
   It ................................................... why anyone would want to buy such an old house.

9. Let me show you how this machine works.
   demonstration
   Let .................................................. of how this machine works.

10. His last book helps to understand what the world of beer brewing is really like.
    insight
    His last book .............................................. the world of beer brewing.

11. We are highly likely to win the tournament.
    probability
    There .............................................. we will win the tournament.

12. It was discovered that she had been stealing money, and she was fired.
    emerged
    She was fired because ............................................... stolen money.
13. “The fired me because of Sam” - said Anna.
    cause
    Anna said that ........................................ of her being fired.

14. He is a black belt in Brazilian jiu jitsu; therefore, he knows how to defend himself.
    Being
    ..................................................... black belt, he knows how to defend himself.

15. Mr Smith said that he is strict with his employees.
    admitted
    Mr Smith ............................................ strict with his employees.

16. Instead of the £2 million of last year, this year we have a budget of £8 million
    opposed
    This year’s budget is £8 million, ................................................., which was only £2.

17. Kent didn’t pass the exam because he ran out of time.
    running
    Kent .....................................................why he didn’t pass the exam.

18. Most of my English colleagues prefer to drink tea rather than coffee.
    preference
    Most of my English colleagues ................................................... coffee.
19. The pickpocket was caught while attempting to steal a man’s wallet.

   act
   The pickpocket was caught ............................................. to steal a man’s wallet.

20. She still hasn't recovered from her husband’s death last year.

   over
   Her husband died last year, but ................................................. yet.

21. Tom was invited to the wedding, but he didn’t turn up.

   appearance
   Although Tom was invited to the wedding, he ...............................................

22. Many people believe that sharks usually attack humans, but that is not true.

   to
   Contrary ..........................................., ......................... usually attack humans.

23. Although I’m not looking forward to telling her that her son has been arrested, I have to.

   relish
   I ...................................................... that her son has been arrested, but I have to.

24. His goal is to be a millionaire by the time he is 25.

   aims
   He .................................................. a millionaire by the time he is 25.
25. I don’t speak Spanish, that’s why I didn’t get the job.
   spoke
   If .................................................., ......................... have got the job.

26. Bullying is unacceptable under any circumstances.
   no
   Under ........................................... bullying acceptable.

27. I did not understand why she was angry until she told me what had happened.
    I
    Only when she told me what had happened ........................................... was angry.

28. I didn’t know you were going to be there, otherwise I’d have gone too.
    I
    Had ........................................................ to be there, I would have gone too.

29. How likely is Kevin to win the competition?
   chances
   What ....................................................... the competition?

30. Very few people buy video players these days.
   demand
   Video players ..................................................... these days.
31. George got used very quickly to living abroad.
   adapted
   George ........................................................... abroad.

32. No one really expected Thomas to finish the marathon.
   came
   It ............................................................... when Thomas finished the marathon.

33. If Ann were not so wealthy, Oliver wouldn’t be marrying her.
   for
   But ......................................................, Oliver wouldn’t be marrying her.

34. He was such a handsome man that most girls were attracted to him
   so
   He .............................................................. man that most girls were attracted to him.

35. At 6 p.m., he probably was on his way home from work.
   may
   At 6 p.m., .......................................................... on his way home from work.

36. She is not a well-educated person.
   way
   She doesn’t ...................................................... of education
37. I think he was offended at your comments about his work.
   exception
   I think ................................................... your comments about his work.

38. It's very unlikely that John will get a pay rise this year
   chance
   There is very ................................................ a pay rise this year.

39. Her father was talking, but she was not listening to him.
   notice
   She didn’t ............................................................. her father said.

40. It’s not possible that you saw Liam at the supermarket. He is in Germany this week.
   have
   You ........................................................... Liam at the supermarket. He is in Germany this week.

41. I don’t mind at all if you use my laptop.
   objection
   I have ................................................................. my laptop.

42. He was so determined to succeed that he became a millionaire by age 30.
   was
   Such ............................................................. that he became a millionaire by age 30.
43. I’ve been looking for my keys for hours, but I haven’t found them anywhere.
   nowhere
   My ................................................................. found.

44. “Your attitude will cost you your job”. Said the manager to Patrick.
   lead
   According to the manager .................................................... him losing his job.

45. Caroline got the job even though she had never work in sales before.
   spite
   In ................................................................. in sales before, Caroline got the job.

46. His manager persuaded him not to hand in his resignation.
   out
   His manager ................................................................. in his resignation.

47. I know that Jack tends to exaggerate.
   tendency
   I know ................................................................. exaggerate.

48. A traffic jam delayed me for two hours.
   held
   I ....................................................... for two hours by a traffic jam.
49. After the scandal the managing director was forced to resign.

   choice
   After the scandal the managing director ............................................ resign.

50. Adam is by nature a success-driven person.

   nature
   It is .............................................................. a success-driven person.

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