

# Cambridge English Advanced

Certificate in Advanced English (CAE)

Use of English - Part 4 : Key word transformation

## 70 exercises + ANSWERS

For questions 0-70, 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

o It's true that the company might go into liquidation if it's not careful.

### DANGER

It's true that the company might go into liquidation if it's not careful.

1 The moment I shouted he ran away

### SOONER

No ..... he ran away.

SOONER HAD I SHOUTED THAN

2 I'm sure that it was the sound of the rain that disturbed me.

### MUST

It ..... of the rain that disturbed me.

MUST HAVE BEEN THE SOUND

3 I managed to finish all the homework before the deadline'

### SUCCEEDED

I ..... the homework before the deadline'

SUCCEEDED IN FINISHING ALL

4 I took the only course open to me and changed my job.

### DID

What I... .. , which was the only course open to me.

DID WAS CHANGE MY JOB

5 They don't allow people who arrive late at the opera house in until the interval.

### ARE

People who arrive late at the opera house ..... until the interval.

ARE NOT ALLOWED IN

6 My application for the job was turned down because I didn't have the right qualifications.

### GROUNDS

My application for the job was turned down ..... I didn't have the right qualifications.

ON THE GROUNDS THAT

7 It's impossible that you saw John last night - he's in the USA!

### HAVE

John's in the USA, so ..... him last night.

YOU CAN'T HAVE SEEN

8 I am confident that he will be successful in his career.

### CHANCES

I am confident ..... in his career.

OF / ABOUT HIS CHANCES OF SUCCESS

9 If you feel stressed, breathing slowly should calm you down.

### MAKE

Breathing slowly ..... if you feel stressed.

SHOULD MAKE YOU FEEL CALMER

10 I am really bad at remembering people's names when I meet them.

**MEMORY**

I ..... people's names when I meet them.

**HAVE A REALLY BAD MEMORY FOR**

11 He lost his job because he was inefficient.

**REASONS**

He lost his job **ON THE GROUNDS OF** his inefficiency.

12 I'm sorry that I didn't help him.

**REGRET**

I **REGRET NOT HELPING** ..... him.

13 I couldn't go away for the weekend because I didn't have enough money.

**PREVENTED**

I was ..... for the weekend by lack of money.

**PREVENTED FROM GOING AWAY**

14 Jane was advised to work harder by her Maths teacher

**RECOMMENDED**

The Maths teacher .....harder.

**RECOMMENDED THAT JANE SHOULD STUDY**

15 This was Peter's biggest challenge to date.

**FACED**

Peter ..... challenge before.

**HAD NOT / HAD NEVER FACED SUCH A BIG / A BIGGER**

16 I wish I had tried harder when I was at school.

**REGRET**

I really ..... when I was at school!

**REGRET NO TRYING HARDER**

17 I wish people wouldn't talk during the performance – it makes me really uptight!

**NERVES**

It really ..... people talk during a performance.

**GETS ON MY NERVES WHEN**

18 He is so ambitious - he's determined that he'll be successful in the company.

**MARK**

He is determined ..... in the company.

**TO MAKE HIS MARK**

19 Can you suggest a way of turning dreams into reality for ambitious people?

**TRUE**

Can you suggest how .....for ambitious people.

**TO MAKE DREAMS COME TRUE**

20 I don't want to take part in the project.

**RATHER**

I ..... part in the project.

**'D/ WOULD RATHER NOT TAKE**

21 I don't have any free time, so I can't come to the theatre with you.

**WOULD**

If I **HAD SOME FREE TIME, I WOULD** come to the theatre with you.

22 This milk is bad - it smells terrible!

**OFF**

This milk **HAS GONE OFF** it smells terrible!

23 What the archaeologists discovered when they opened the tomb was amazing.

**MADE**

The ..... when they opened the tomb was amazing .  
**DISCOVERY (THAT/WHICH) THE ARCHAEOLOGISTS MADE**

24 People are more interested in history than you might expect.

**LESS**

You ..... interested in history.

**WOULD/MIGHT EXPECT PEOPLE TO BE LESS**

25 For me, imagining what life must have been like then is just not possible .

**QUITE**

I find it ..... what life must have been like then.

**QUITE IMPOSSIBLE TO IMAGINE**

26 It's difficult for a poorly performing company to make a profit.

**TURN**

If a company is performing poorly, it's difficult ..... one .

**TO TURN IT INTO A PROFITABLE**

27 The failure of the company was incredibly disappointing.

**BITTERLY**

I ..... the failure of the company.

**WAS BITTERLY DISAPOINTED BY**

28 The number of people travelling through the airport was highest in August.

**REACHED**

The number of people travelling through the airport **REACHED A PEAK** in August.

29 There has been a huge increase in tourism this year.

**GROWN**

Tourism ..... this year.

**HAS GROWN SUBSTANTCIALLY**

30 The number of visitors to the island has fallen dramatically.

**STEEP**

There ..... the number of visitors to the island.

**HAS BEEN A STEEP FALL IN**

31 We have maintained the level of visitors to the museum this year.

**STABLE**

The number of visitors to the museum ..... this year.

**HAS REMAINED STABLE**

32 The shares index fell slightly before recovering to its previous level.

**BRIEF**

There ..... the shares index before it recovered to its previous level.

**WAS A BRIEF DIP IN**

33 Although many travel companies had financial difficulties last year, they seem to have recovered now.

**TREND**

Al though many travel companies had financial difficulties last year,  
it seems as though ..... now.

**THE/THIS TREND HAS BEEN REVERSED**

34 Some people have been saying what a good move emigrating would be,

**ARGUED**

It .....emigrating would be a good move.

**HAS BEEN ARGUED THAT**

35 The size of the population is unlikely to change much in the near future.

**STABLE**

The size of the population.....in the near future.

**IS LIKELY/ EXPECTED TO REMAIN STABLE**

36 “I think Joe should serious ly reconsider his plans”: said the careers advisor,

**RECOMMENDED**

The careers advisor.....his plans.

**RECOMMENDED THAT JOE SHOULD SERIOUSLY RECONSIDER**

37 It doesn't matter if you think you know the subject well, you must rev ise for the exam.

**HOWEVER**

You must revise for the exam,.....you know the subject.

**HOWEVER WELL YOU THINK**

38 It was only after telling everyone that it was his birthday that John got lots of cards.

**HAVING**

John only got lots of cards..... it was his birthday.

**AFTER HAVING TOLD EVERYONE THAT**

39 However hard she tries, she still manages to offend people.

**MATTER**

It ..... she tries, she still manages to offend people.

**DOESN'T MATTER HOW HARD**

40 Whatever film you want to see will be good for us.

**MIND**

We..... film you want.

**DON'T MIND SEEING WHATEVER**

41 Before he put forward the proposal, I'm sure he took the comments of local residents on board.

**WILL**

Before he put forward the proposal, I'm sure he ..... of local residents on board.

**WILL HAVE TAKEN THE COMMENTS**

42 I expect I'll leave home before I'm twenty.

**TIME**

I expect I will ..... I'm twenty.

**LEAVE HOME BY THE TIME**

43 I know that I'll find the right job soon.

**MATTER**

I know ... before I find the right job.

**IT IS A MATTER OF TIME**

44 They confidently expect the broadcast to go ahead at 6 p.m.

**SURE**

They..... go ahead at 6pm.

**ARE SURE THE BROADCAST WILL**

45 I'm sure he'll get a promotion very soon.

**LONG**

I'm sure it ... he gets a promotion.

**WON'T BE LONG BEFORE**

46 I have decided to make a definite plan for my future career.

**AM**

What ..... is make a definite plan for my future career.

**I AM GOING TO DO**

47 Staying another night would have meant paying more.

**IF**

I would have had to.....another night.

**PAY MORE IF I HAD STAYED**

48 People will always want entertainment, providing that they have the time to enjoy it.

**LONG**

There will always be a need for entertainment,..... the time to enjoy it.

**AS LONG AS PEOPLE HAVE**

49 Scientists have made an unexpected discovery in the treatment of cancer.

**BREAKTHROUGH**

There ..... in the treatment of cancer.

**HAS BEEN AN UNEXPECTED BREAKTHROUGH**

50 I thought very hard but couldn't remember the answer.

**RACKED**

I ..... to remember the answer.

**RACKED MY BRAINS**

51 I made the decision to go to university after all.

**DECIDED**

What I ..... to university after all.

**DECIDED TO DO WAS GO**

52 However hard I look, up to now I haven't been able to find a job.

**ALTHOUGH**

I haven't been able to find a job .....looking really hard.

**ALTHOUGH I HAVE BEEN**

53 I don't think my future job prospects are very good, which is very worrying.

**ABOUT**

I..... my future job prospects.

**AM (VERY) WORRIED ABOUT**

54 Originally, the course was to include music, but that changed.

**HAVE**

Originally, the course **WAS TO HAVE INCLUDED MUSIC**... but that changed.

55 The only thing I didn't love about the concert was the price.

**FROM**

I loved everything ..... the price.

**ABOUT THE CONCERT APART FROM**

56 Even if you think you know the person well, you must work at the relationship.

**HOWEVER**

You must work at the relationship..... know the person.

**HOWEVER WELL YOU THINK YOU**

57 It was only when he started to work hard that Peter got good results.

**AFTER**

Peter got good results..... work hard.

**ONLY AFTER STARTING TO/ HAVING STARTED TO/HE HAD STARTED TO**

58 I planned to visit her on Friday but I heard she'd gone on holiday.

**WOULD**

I **WOULD HAVE VISITED HER**... on Friday but I heard she'd gone on holiday.

59 They were supposed to publish my book next month but it's been delayed.

**DUE**

Although my book..... next month, it's been delayed.

**WAS DUE TO BE PUBLISHED**

60 I'd planned a meeting with her at the weekend but she called it off.

**GOING**

I ..... at the weekend but she called it off.

**WAS GOING TO MEET HER**

61 The irate customer refused to speak to anyone other than the store manager.

**ON**

The irate customer ..... to the store manager and no one else.

**INSISTED ON SPEAKING**

62 I was just about to call you to tell you about the rearranged meeting.

**POINT**

I was ..... you to tell you about the rearranged meeting.

**ON THE POINT OF CALLING**

63 My sister was totally shocked when she won the lottery.

**CAME**

Winning the lottery ..... my sister.

**CAME AS A TOTAL SHOCK TO**

64 Joe originally intended to drive but the bad weather caused him to change his mind.

**WAS**

Joe's ..... drive but the bad weather caused him to change his mind.

**ORIGINAL INTENTION WAS TO**

65 It was heavy snow on the line that delayed the train.

**HELD**

The train would have arrived on time if it ..... heavy snow on the line.

**HAD NOT BEEN HELD UP BY**

66 She realised she'd lost her keys the moment she arrived home.

**SOONER**

No ... she realised she'd lost her keys.

**SOONER HAD SHE ARRIVED HOME THAN**

67 He clearly felt very strongly about the situation, which took me by surprise.

**STRENGTH**

It ..... about the situation that took me by surprise.

**WAS THE STRENGTH OF HIS FEELING/ FEELINGS**

68 Brian was interested in North American history in his school days.

**INTEREST**

Brian **HAD AN INTEREST IN** ... North American history in his school days.

69 When it comes to population, Beijing's is much bigger than Auckland's.

**POPULATED**

Beijing is..... **MUCH MORE POPULATED** ..... than Auckland.

70 The manager should think about experience when hiring new staff.

**CONSIDERATION**

The manager should ..... when hiring new staff.

**TAKE EXPERIENCE INTO CONSIDERATION**