



# Intercambioidiomas

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CAE (C1):  
REPHRASING

**50 EXAMPLES OF REPHRASING FOR  
CAMBRIDGE CAE ADVANCED EXAM**



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## SENTENCE TRANSFORMATIONS AT ADVANCED LEVEL

In this part of the exam the candidate must read a sentence and then complete a second sentence with 3-6 words so that it has the same meaning as the first sentence. It is a test of grammar and vocabulary. Sometimes the sentence can be completed with only 2 words or more than 6 but these answers are not valid as the task stated 3-6 words.

Fill in the gaps in the second sentence with 3-6 words. You must use the word given in exactly the same form. Each question is worth 2 points, one based on vocabulary and the other on grammar.

**Lexical:** phrasal verbs, word patterns, fixed expressions, contextual vocabulary etc.

**Structural:** passive, relative clauses, reported speech, quantifiers, connectors, tense changes, gerund versus infinitive, modal verbs, inversions (rarely), conditionals etc

E.g. We must take as much advantage as possible of any opportunity to speak English.

**MOST** We have ..... any opportunity to speak English.

Answer: to make the most of



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1. The language school is now being managed by new owners from New Zealand.

OVER

Some New Zealanders \_\_\_\_\_ language school.

2. I have never studied so hard in my life.

STUDIED

\_\_\_\_\_ so hard in my life.

3. If I had more money, I would travel more.

ABLE

Unfortunately, I \_\_\_\_\_ travel much because of money.

4. Only at the end of the class did I remember to ask the teacher for the booklet.

REMEMBERED

I ..... the teacher for the booklet at the end of the class.

5. You must never hand in your homework late.

ACCOUNT

Your homework must never be \_\_\_\_\_.



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6. I was never told what the course involved.

TIME

At no ..... what the course involved

7. I will pay you for the meal next week unless you have any objections

OBJECT

If you \_\_\_\_\_ for the meal next week, I will leave it until then.

8. I have almost never studied so much in my life for an exam.

SELDOM

..... studied so much in my life for an exam.

9. Matt had only just set up his business when he became rich.

HARDLY

..... up his business when he became rich.

10. It remains to be seen if we will cover all the content in time for the exam.

KNOW

I do \_\_\_\_\_ time to cover all of the content for the exam.



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11. As soon as Alejandro finished work, he went to have a beer with friends.

SOONER

No ..... than he went to have a beer with friends.

12. If it is the same to you, I am eager to get on with the project.

LIKE

If you don't mind, I \_\_\_\_\_ work as soon as possible.

13. I have never before been asked to fix an exam.

HAVE

Never before ..... an exam.

14. "Would you lend me \$2000 Jacob?" asked Rebecca.

BORROW

Rebecca asked \_\_\_\_\_ \$2000 from Jacob.

15. He had hardly started jogging when he got injured.

HAD

Hardly ..... when he got injured.



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16. Marc fully intends to make his language blog successful.

EVERY

Marc has \_\_\_\_\_ his language learning blog successful.

17. As soon as he had finished his meal, he asked for the bill.

THAN

No sooner had ..... he asked for the bill.

18. My parents did not approve of my choice of university.

MET

My choice of university \_\_\_\_\_ disapproval by my parents.

19. This display had better not be messed about with on any account.

SHOULD

On no account ..... about with.

20. Marta found the driving test very difficult to pass.

TROUBLE

Marta \_\_\_\_\_ the driving test.

21. We arrived at the football match too late to be able to play.

BY

The football match \_\_\_\_\_ time we arrived.



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22. I was at the point of delaying the meeting when you called.

JUST

I was \_\_\_\_\_ off the meeting when you called.

23. Josh was disappointed with his results in his GCSE exams.

CAME

Josh's GCSE results \_\_\_\_\_ to him. 24.

24. It is difficult to say why some exams are easier than others.

DIFFICULT

It's hard to say \_\_\_\_\_ than others.

25. If only I had studied more, I wouldn't be angry.

WOULD

I \_\_\_\_\_ studied more.

26. Only 4 students came to the class in the end.

UP

Finally, only 4 \_\_\_\_\_ the class.

27. I must say that the food in 'the Catacaldos restaurant' is exquisite.

TO

I \_\_\_\_\_ satisfaction with the amazing food at 'the Catacaldos restaurant'.



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28. It remains to be seen if it was a good decision or not.

TIME

Only \_\_\_\_\_ correctly or not.

29. Robert's friend recommended the website

INTERCAMBIOIDIOMASONLINE to study English.

ON

Robert studies English at INTERCAMBIOIDIOMASONLINE

\_\_\_\_\_ of a friend.

30. As long as I pass, I don't care how much I have to study.

DIFFERENCE

As long as I pass, it \_\_\_\_\_ much I need to study.

31. It never occurred to us that the business would fail.

IMAGINED

We \_\_\_\_\_ fail to take off.

32. I need to solve this math problem by the end of the day.

COME

Before the day is up, I \_\_\_\_\_ to this math problem.



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33. In the last few months the unemployment rate has gone down.

DECREASE

There has \_\_\_\_\_ unemployment in recent months.

34. You should not treat your kids like that, no matter how badly they behave at home.

HOWEVER

You ought not to handle your children that way, \_\_\_\_\_ at home.

35. There is no point in arguing with your boss on key decisions.

WORTH

It really \_\_\_\_\_ key decisions with your boss.

36. I have no intention of quitting the soccer team.

DREAM

I \_\_\_\_\_ up the soccer team.

37. The two situations are completely separate and have nothing to do with each other.

COMMON

The two situations don't \_\_\_\_\_ each other



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38. The problem needs to be resolved immediately.

FIND

We must \_\_\_\_\_ the problem immediately.

39. The students have expressed their opposition to the changes.

SUBJECT

The changes \_\_\_\_\_ opposition.

40. If you have a bus pass, you needn't buy a ticket.

FREE

Your bus ride \_\_\_\_\_ have a bus pass.

41. "Thanks for your help with the exam notes" Alex told me.

EXTREMELY

Alex \_\_\_\_\_ the help with the exam notes.

42. I think you won't find it easy to deal with the stress of the situation.

HARD

I think it will \_\_\_\_\_ up with the stress of the situation.

43. You should take advantage of your day off and fix the kitchen sink.

MOST

You ought \_\_\_\_\_ the day off to mend the kitchen sink.

44. "When do you reckon you'll be able to fix the lock on the back door?" He asked Sam.

MEND

He asked Sam when \_\_\_\_\_ the back door.



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45. I wish I could just have a minute to myself.

ONLY

If \_\_\_\_\_ to spend a minute alone.

46. No matter how hard he tried, he is still rubbish at it.

REGARDLESS

He is really bad at it, \_\_\_\_\_ tries.

47. "I no longer wish to be known as 'the silly fat kid'" he said.

ANYMORE

"I don't want \_\_\_\_\_ the silly fat kid" he said.

48. He is working on a very complicated project at the moment.

TO

In the last few days he has \_\_\_\_\_ a very complicated project.

49. He does it just that way because that's how he likes doing it.

INTO

He \_\_\_\_\_ he likes.

50. I have been too busy to attend class, but I'll do it soonish.

ROUND

I will \_\_\_\_\_ attending class when I have time.



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## Answer sheet

1. have taken over the
2. Never have I studied
3. am not able to/have not been able to
4. only remembered to ask
5. be handed in late on any account
6. time was I told
7. do not object to me paying
8. Seldom have I
9. Hardly had Matt set
10. not know if we will have
11. sooner had Alejandro finished work
12. would like to get (down) to
13. have I been asked to fix
14. if she could borrow
15. had he started jogging
16. every intention of making
17. he finished his meal than
18. was met by
19. should this display be messed
20. had trouble passing
21. had already started by the
22. was just about to put
23. came as a disappointment
24. what makes some exams more difficult
25. wish I would have



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26. students turned up to
27. have to express my
28. time will tell if we decided
29. on the recommendation
30. makes no difference to me how
31. never imagined (that) the business would
32. must come up with a solution
33. been a decrease in
34. however they behave
35. isn't worth arguing about
36. would not dream of giving
37. have anything in common with
38. find a solution to
39. have been the subject of
40. is free if you
41. was extremely grateful
42. be hard to put
43. to make the most of
44. he could mend the lock on
45. only I had the chance
46. regardless of how hard he
47. to be known anymore as
48. dedicated a lot of time to
49. is into doing it just as
50. get round to



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