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ADVANCES: SENTENCE
TRANSFORMATIONS



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Rephrasing (transformation) types in the CAE exam

In this part of the exam you have six sentences to complete. You need to read the first sentence in each question. From this you need to look at the second sentence and think about what information is missing. You must then complete the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first with **3-6 words** (NO MORE). Another thing to understand is that you are provided with a word that you must use in exactly the same form (if it is TOLD, you cannot use tell, telling or any variation of the word. ONLY **TOLD**). Each of the questions is worth 2 points and the points are based on lexical (vocabulary) or structural (grammatical) points. What they assess in this part of the exam are as follows:

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.



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1. 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.
2. I have never before been asked to fix an exam.
HAVE Never before an exam.
3. He had hardly started jogging when he got injured.
HAD Hardly when he got injured.
4. As soon as he had finished his meal, he asked for the bill.
THAN No sooner had he asked for the bill.
5. This display had better not be messed about with on any account.
SHOULD On no account about with.
6. I have never studied so hard in my life.
STUDIED so hard in my life.
7. 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.
8. I was never told what the course involved.
TIME At no what the course involved
9. I have almost never studied so much in my life for an exam.
SELDOM studied so much in my life for an exam.
10. Matt had only just set up his business when he became rich.
HARDLY up his business when he became rich.
11. I usually need to talk nicely to someone, before they decide if they like me or not.
CHAT People don't know if they like me until I have had the



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12. If I could get away with it, I would consider having an affair
ON I would bewife, as long as she didn't find out.
13. My parent don't mind if I sign up to an extracurricular activity or not.
DIFFERENCE Itjoin an extracurricular activity or not to my parents.
14. If you shout at your kids, which is unnecessary, it won't make the blind bit of difference.
OFF In the event of, they won't learn from it.
15. I think you owe your friends an apology, you should keep in touch better
CONTACT I think you should say sorry to your friends for
16. It is an unlikely scenario that we will both end up studying at the same university, as I don't want to.
RELUCTANT I would same university as you, so it is very improbable.
17. "Why did you split up with Sarah, she was really good for you" Agnes asked Michael.
BREAK Agnes wanted to with Sarah.
18. I couldn't believe it when I coincidentally saw Samuel in the street
BUMP It came as a Samuel in the street.
19. The consistent humorous events in the film made me laugh a lot.
CRACKING I couldn't help funny moments in the film.
20. You have let me down and what is worse, you have let yourself down.
DISAPPOINTED I feel really is worse is you have let yourself down.



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21. The bully wasn't just teasing his classmate. He was being violent too.
ONLY Not fun of his classmate. He was violent too.
22. It isn't worth talking to people if they are only going to be rude to you.
IMPOLITE If I were you, I wouldn't talk to you.
23. He clearly forgot to collect you last night, he left you waiting for so long.
PICK It is clear that he didn't night as you were waiting for a long time.
24. It is worth gathering every once in a while to catch up.
TOGETHER I am keen to now and then to catch up.
25. Do you ever have to spend time with people you don't get on with?
Must anyone you don't like very much?
26. It might be a good idea to keep on studying another year before doing the exam.
US It could studying for another year before going in for the exam.
27. I'll carry on studying providing that you give me a hand.
LONG help me out, I'll carry on with my studies.
28. Please inform your tutor if you have gone off your course.
LIKING Let your tutor your course.
29. I can hardly ever figure out how to solve maths equations.
SELDOM I can way to solve maths equations.
30. If it is the same to you, I'd rather get on with the project as to not fall behind.
CATCH I'd rather so I want to get started as soon as possible if you don't mind.



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1. sooner had Alejandro finished work
2. have I been asked to fix
3. had he started jogging
4. he finished his meal than
5. should this display be messed
6. Never have I studied
7. only remembered to ask
8. time was I told
9. Seldom have I
10. Hardly had Matt set
11. chance to chat them up
12. open to cheating on my
13. makes no difference if I
14. having to tell off your kids
15. not keeping in contact with them
16. be reluctant to study at the
17. know what made Michael break up
18. surprise to bump into
19. cracking up at the
20. disappointed with you and what
21. only did the bully make
22. to people who are impolite
23. remember to pick you up last
24. get together every
25. you hang out with
26. be good for us to continue
27. As long as you
28. know if you stop liking
29. seldom figure out the
30. not have to catch up