50 EXAMPLES OF REPHRASING FOR CAMBRIDGE CAE ADVANCED EXAM
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 text of grammar and vocabulary. Sometimes the sentence can be completed with only 2 words or more that 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
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 ____________________________.
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.
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.


BORROW

Rebecca asked ________________ $2000 from Jacob.

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

HAD

Hardly ........................................... when he got injured.
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.
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. 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`.
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.
33. In the last few months the unemployment rate has gone down.
   DECREASE
   There has _____________________ unemployment in recent months.

34. You should not treat you 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
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.
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.
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
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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