

CAE Key Word Transformations

Complete the sentence so that it has a similar meaning. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and six words, including the word given.

1. It's a pity we didn't book the tickets sooner. **HAD**
If _____ the tickets sooner!
2. I couldn't persuade Jason to apply for the scholarship. **INTO**
I couldn't _____ the scholarship.
3. The charity event will continue even if it rains. **OF**
The charity event will continue _____.
4. Brenda is proud of the fact that she has never been late for work. **PRIDES**
Brenda _____ late for work.
5. The failure of the project wasn't Maria's responsibility. **TO**
Maria _____ the failure of the project.
6. The twins are so similar that it's hard to distinguish between them. **TELL**
The twins look so alike that it's hard _____.
7. I wasn't surprised when Emma passed the exam. **CAME**
Emma's exam success _____ me.
8. The director only approved the proposal because Sarah insisted so strongly. **BUT**
The director wouldn't _____ Sarah's strong insistence.
9. The company will almost certainly close down unless sales improve. **IS**
The company _____ unless sales improve.
10. I doubt Peter will ever change his mind about moving abroad. **REMOTE**
There is _____ Peter will ever change his mind about moving abroad.
11. We must avoid any further delays at all costs. **CIRCUMSTANCES**
Under _____ allow any further delays.
12. The only reason she succeeded was that she worked incredibly hard. **DOWN**
Her success _____ she worked incredibly hard.
13. Emma never doubted for a moment that her plan would work. **HESITATION**
Emma had _____ that her plan would work.
14. He has never once considered giving up his research. **OCCURRED**
It has never _____ up his research.

15. The committee only announced the decision after hours of debate. **REACH**
Only after hours of debate _____ the decision.
16. They put him in charge of organising the annual conference. **MADE**
They _____ organising the annual conference.
17. The renovation project will continue exactly as originally planned. **AHEAD**
The renovation project will _____ original plan.
18. Everyone in the industry speaks very well of this hotel. **HIGHLY**
This hotel _____ in the industry.
19. Julia was just about to tell her boss the truth when the phone rang. **POINT**
Julia was _____ her boss the truth when the phone rang.
20. Mark had completely forgotten that we had met before. **RECOLLECTION**
Mark hardly _____ meeting me before.
21. Most students ignored what the librarian told them. **TOOK**
Most students _____ what the librarian told them.
22. He swims extremely well, just like his brother. **GOOD**
He is _____ his brother.
23. Cara has become very well known as a fashion designer. **NAME**
Cara _____ as a fashion designer.