

TRAINING CAE

Paper 1 Part 4

Key word transformation

Part 4 of the Reading and Use of English test is a key word transformation task. This tests your knowledge of both vocabulary and grammar in that you have to make a sentence with the same meaning as another sentence and using a word that you are given. There are six items, each consisting of one complete sentence, one given word and a sentence with a gap in the middle.

- You have to complete the second sentence using the word given.
- You cannot change the word given in any way.
- The second sentence must be as close as possible in meaning to the first sentence.
- You must use between three and six words, to complete the second sentence.

I was about to leave school when I saw George.

POINT

I was *on the point of leaving school* when I saw George.

In this example, you need to know the phrase *to be on the point of* and you need to know that *of* must be followed by a noun or -ing form.

1 Complete the sentences using the word given.

- 1 Sam's invention impressed his tutor.
MADE
Sam's invention his tutor.
- 2 He would only speak English with the visitors.
INSISTED
He English with the visitors.
- 3 The price of petrol went up a lot last month.
SHARP
There was a the price of petrol last month.
- 4 I saw the postman for a second as he passed by.
SIGHT
I the postman for a second as he passed by.

2 Why are these answers incorrect? Correct them.

- 1 Each new generation is told the secret recipe DOWN
The secret recipe *is handed down* each new generation.
- 2 I hadn't expected the present at all.
CAME
The present *comes as a complete surprise* to me.
- 3 The child's mother became very emotional when he was found.
OVERCOME
The child's mother *was overcome for emotion* when he was found.
- 4 Could you possibly help me with this suitcase?
HAND
Could you possibly *help my hand* with this suitcase?

Fixed phrases and collocations

In this part of the Reading and Use of English test, it will help if you know a wide range of collocations and fixed phrases (e.g. *blissfully happy*, which means extremely happy or to be at a loose end, which means to have nothing in particular to do).

3 Match phrases 1–6 with their equivalent phrases a–f.

1 He pointed out to me	a There was no sign of him
2 I was shocked	b He drew my attention to
3 I couldn't see him anywhere	c I was unaware
4 He'll feel much better	d He was made redundant
5 I had no idea	e It came as a complete surprise to me
6 He lost his job	f It'll do him good

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Adjectives/verbs/nouns + prepositions

When you learn an adjective, verb or noun, make sure you also learn any prepositions that need to come after it.

4 Complete these sentences with a preposition.

- 1 She said that she always takes pride her work.
- 2 He's proud his daughter's achievements.
- 3 I was prevented entering the competition because of my age.
- 4 They specialise designing apps for educational purposes.
- 5 I agree that you could trust him your life.
- 6 He asked if there had been a huge increase the number of students going to university.

The transformation will also require you to think about grammar. For example, passives, conditionals, reported speech, etc.

5 Complete these sentences with three to six words, including the word given.

- 1 Unless we get the 8 o'clock train, we will miss lunch.
MEAN
If we don't get the 8 o'clock train, lunch.
- 2 They say Italian football players earn more than others.
HIGHEST
Italian football players are salaries.
- 3 'I'm sorry I forgot to email you the details earlier,' said the tour operator.
FOR
The tour operator emailing the details earlier.
- 4 I don't think the advice your accountant gave you was very good.
SHOULD
Your accountant better advice.

Practice

6 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.

- 1 Some people have to provide a medical certificate when they apply for a US visa.
REQUIRED
A medical certificate a US visa.
- 2 People say the island has a lot of natural resources.
RICH
The island natural resources.
- 3 Gina complains all the time.
NOTHING
Gina complain.
- 4 The candidate answered the questions honestly.
HONEST
The candidate the questions.
- 5 The tennis court was so wet, the match was cancelled.
BEEN
If the tennis court hadn't been so wet, the match off.
- 6 Regardless of the fact that you're my friend, I agree with your argument.
SIDE
I'd be you weren't my friend.
- 7 Sam said that there was no way he was prepared to help me.
FLATLY
Sam hand.
- 8 Could you get some milk as you're coming home?
WAY
Would you mind home?