

Key phrases for Cambridge First Certificate (FCE) Use of English Part Four simplest responses game

Without looking below for now, listen to your teacher and hold up the “The same” or “Different” cards that you have been given depending on what you think about the meanings of the pair of phrases that your teacher reads out.

Label the phrases below with S for the same or D for different.

Verbs and tenses

1. tell someone to.../ tell someone that...
2. tell someone to.../ ask someone to...
3. ask someone to.../ ask someone if...
4. ask someone if.../ ask someone whether...
5. ought to/ should
6. force someone to do something/ let someone do something
7. It is said to be.../ People say that it is...
8. I had my hair cut/ I got my hair cut
9. I wish I had known.../ I wish I knew...
10. I regret watching.../ I wish I hadn't watched...
11. could have been.../ could be...
12. couldn't be.../ can't have been...
13. may have been.../ might have been...
14. is sold/ is being sold
15. will/ would
16. Could you...?/ Would you...?
17. Could you possibly...?/ Would you mind...?
18. Could I possibly...?/ Would it be possible for me to...?

Linking words

19. Although he can't stand,.../ Despite not being able to stand,...

20. ... because it rained/ ..., so it rained

21. because of snow/ owing to snow

22. even though/ even if

23. as long as.../ unless...

24. unless it is.../ as long as it isn't...

Determiners

25. so successful/ such a success

26. so big/ too big

27. a man/ the man

28. too small/ not big enough

Comparisons

29. far bigger/ much bigger

30. far bigger/ quite a lot bigger

31. not as...as/ not so... as

32. not as big as/ smaller than

Prepositions

33. by Sunday/ until Sunday

34. three years before/ three years ago

Idioms

35. we are sure to.../ there is no chance that we will...

36. except Tom/ apart from Tom

37. carry on/ carry out

38. he... by accident/ he didn't mean to...

39. on purpose/ deliberately

40. pay no attention to.../ ignore...

Others

41. no one/ anyone

42. don't have anything/ have nothing

43. every/ any

44. its depth/ how deep it is

Hint: There should be the same number of S and D pairs above.

Check your answers as a class or with the answer key.



Cards to hold up

The same	Different
The same	Different
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The same	Different
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The same	Different

Without looking above, write at least one phrase which has the same meaning as each of the phrases above. Note that words not above might also be possible.

1. tell someone to...
2. tell someone to...
3. ask someone to...
4. ask someone if...
5. ought to
6. force someone to do something
7. It is said to be...
8. I had my hair cut
9. I wish I had known...
10. I regret watching...
11. could have been...
12. couldn't be...
13. may have been...
14. is sold
15. will
16. Could you...?
17. Could you possibly...?
18. Could I possibly...?
19. Although he can't stand,...
20. ... because it rained
21. because of snow
22. even though



23. as long as...
24. unless it is...
25. so successful
26. so big
27. a man
28. too small
29. far bigger
30. far bigger
31. not as...as
32. not as big as
33. by Sunday
34. three years before
35. we are sure to...
36. except Tom
37. carry on
38. he... by accident
39. on purpose
40. pay no attention to...
41. no one
42. don't have anything
43. every...
44. its depth

Check your answers with the answer key or as a class. If you have written other words they may also have the same meaning, so check with your teacher.

Suggested answers

The pairs with different meanings (D ones) are in bold with a phrase meaning the same as the first of each pair afterwards following a dash. Different phrases meaning the same are possible, so if you wrote something different please check it with your teacher.

Verbs and tenses

1. **tell someone to.../ tell someone that...** – **command someone to...**
2. **tell someone to.../ ask someone to...** – **order someone to...**
3. **ask someone to.../ ask someone if...** – **request that someone...**
4. ask someone if.../ ask someone whether...
5. ought to/ should
6. **force someone to do something/ let someone do something** – **make someone...**
7. It is said to be.../ People say that it is...
8. I had my hair cut/ I got my hair cut
9. **I wish I had known..../ I wish I knew...** – **If only I had known/ I regret not knowing...**
10. I regret watching.../ I wish I hadn't watched...
11. **could have been.../ could be...** – **might have been...**
12. **couldn't be.../ can't have been...** – **can't be...**
13. may have been.../ might have been...
14. **is sold/ is being sold** – **Shops sell...**
15. **will/ would** – **is predicted to.../ is expected to...**
16. **Could you...?/ Would you...?** – **Would you mind...?/ Would it be possible for you to...?**
17. Could you possibly...?/ Would you mind...?
18. Could I possibly...?/ Would it be possible for me to...?

Linking words

19. Although he can't stand,.../ Despite not being able to stand,...

20. ... because it rained/ ..., so it rained – owing to the rain...

21. because of snow/ owing to snow

22. even though/ even if – although

23. as long as.../ unless... – only if...

24. unless it is.../ as long as it isn't...

Determiners

25. so successful/ such a success

26. so big/ too big – such a big...

27. a man/ the man – one man

28. too small/ not big enough

Comparisons

29. far bigger/ much bigger

30. far bigger/ quite a lot bigger – much bigger

31. not as...as/ not so... as

32. not as big as/ smaller than

Prepositions

33. by Sunday/ until Sunday – before Monday

34. three years before/ three years ago – three years earlier

Idioms

35. we are sure to.../ there is no chance that we will... – we are certain to.../ we must...

36. except Tom/ apart from Tom

37. carry on/ carry out – keep on/ continue

38. he... by accident/ he didn't mean to...

39. on purpose/ deliberately

40. pay no attention to.../ ignore...

Others

41. no one/ anyone – nobody

42. don't have anything/ have nothing

43. every.../ any... – all... s

44. its depth/ how deep it is

Work in groups to make similar tasks to test other groups with, perhaps using real past papers to help you.