Cambridge First Certificate (FCE) Sentence Transformations from Key Words

Group A

All the words below are real answers from Use of English Part Four key word sentence transformation exam tasks. Make exam tasks using the same words to test other groups with, following these steps:

1. Write a sentence using the key word (as in the exam, without making any changes to the key word). This will be the answer to your exam task.

2. Write a sentence that has exactly the same meaning but different grammar (e.g. passive and active), vocabulary (with and without phrasal verb), etc. This will be the prompt sentence at the top of the task. This sentence usually doesn’t include the key word.

3. Take out between two and five words from the first sentence that you wrote, including the key word.

4. Write out the whole question on another piece of paper, with the prompt sentence (probably without the key word) top, the key word underneath, and the gapped sentence last.

5. Make an answer key with all possible answers that could go in the gap, including things which are different from the first sentence that you wrote but which are between two and five words, include the key word without making any changes to it, and have exactly the same meaning as the prompt sentence.

6. Do the same with other words from below

Key words from First Certificate Use of English key word sentence transformation tasks

- avoid
- because
- been
- better
- big
- bought
- call

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Write as many tasks as you can in the time that your teacher gives you, then pass them to another team to answer. After ten minutes or when they have finished, pass them the answer key that you made, then take any questions they have about the tasks, answers or scoring.
Cambridge First Certificate (FCE) Sentence Transformations from Key Words Group B

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6. Do the same with other words from below

Key words from First Certificate Use of English key word sentence transformation tasks

- idea
- if
- increase
- instead
- long
- look
- mean
- much

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● never
● not
● point
● praised
● prevented
● said
● sale
● sold
● that
● touch

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