

Brainstorming Language for Cambridge First Certificate of English (FCE) Use of English Part Four Sentence Transformations

Brainstorm words which go before and after the words below, or words which mean the same thing for section D.

A

What verb forms (usually) go after each of the words below?

advised
appear
don't mind
expect
impossible
is expected
let
make
miss
ought
regret
remembered
without
worth

B

What often goes after each of the words below? (Most include prepositions).

accused
blame
feel
hardly
plans
prevented

C

What often goes before each of the words below?

addition
better
case
difficulty
fault
idea
intention
mind
notice
plans
rather
reason
spite
surprise

D

*What words with different parts of speech have the same meanings as the words below?
Some have more than one answer.*

may =

need =

rare =

E

Make as many phrasal verbs as you can from the words below, also saying the meaning if you can.

call +

=

=

=

carry +

=

=

=

come +

=

=

=

fallen +

=

=

=

look +

=

=

=

pick +

=

=

=

run +

=

=

=

take +

=

=

=

turn +

=

=

=

=



Mixed answers

Use the mixed answers below to help with the tasks above. Other answers might be possible.

A

+ someone + to + v
+ someone + v
+ to + v
+ v + ing

B

+ any/ ever
+ for
+ like + v + ing
+ someone + for
+ someone + from
+ someone + of

C

don't +
for no +
had +
have +
have no +
have/ make +
in +
my +
take (no) +
to my +
would +



D

maybe
necessary
perhaps
rarely
seldom

E

- + after = care for
- + after = have something in common with a parent, e.g. character or looks
- + down = reduce the volume
- + for = search for
- + forward to = can't wait to
- + into = investigate
- + off = cancel
- + off = switch off
- + on = continue
- + out = don't have a good relationship anymore
- + out of = no longer have any left
- + up = collect someone in your car
- + up = start a new activity
- + up to = respect
- + up with = think of



Suggested answers

Other answers are possible.

A

advised + someone + to + v
appear + to + v
don't mind + v + ing
expect + someone + to + v
impossible + to + v
is expected + to + v
let + someone + v
make + someone + v
miss + v + ing
ought + to + v
regret + v + ing
remembered + to + v
without + v + ing
worth + v + ing

B

accused + someone + of
blame + someone + for
feel + like + v + ing
hardly + any/ ever
plans + for
prevented + someone + from

C

in + addition
had + better
in + case
have + difficulty
my + fault
have no + idea
have no + intention
don't + mind
take + (no) notice
have/ make + plans
would + rather
for no + reason
in + spite
to my + surprise



D

may = maybe/ perhaps

need = necessary

rare = rarely/ seldom

E

call + off = cancel

carry + on = continue

come + up with = think of

fallen + out = don't have a good relationship anymore

look + after = care for

look + for = search for

look + forward to = can't wait to

look + into = investigate

look + up to = respect

pick + up = collect someone in your car

run + out of = no longer have any left

take + after = have something in common with a parent, e.g. character or looks

take + up = start a new activity

turn + down = reduce the volume

turn + off = switch off