

## CPE Use of English: 100 Transformations with key

1. When you go abroad, don't forget to write to me. **DROP**  
When you go abroad, don't forget .....
2. We went out together because I wanted to find out about her news **CATCH**  
We went out together because I wanted to .....news
3. The new film was barely similar to the book I had read. **BORE**  
The new..... the book I had read.
4. The washing machine destroyed my silk shirt. **TATTERS**  
The washing machine .....
5. I know his name but I can't quite remember it. **TIP**  
His name's .....
6. She didn't try to hide her feelings, but said his new plan was "silly" **WORDS**  
She didn't ....., but said his new plan was "silly"
7. Please say what you really think about the plan, even if you disagree. **SPEAK**  
Please ..... about the plan, even if you disagree.
8. The truth about the stolen money was revealed in the investigation. **LIGHT**  
The truth about the stolen money .....the investigation
9. The woman I had just met told me to use her first name when they spoke to her. **BY**  
The woman I had just met told me to ..... name when I spoke to her.
10. The recent poor examination results raise the issue of the effectiveness of our teaching methods. **QUESTION**  
The recent poor examination results ..... the effectiveness of our teaching methods.
11. These books just aren't on the same level. **LEAGUE**  
These books just .....
12. He felt extremely tired after staying up very late to finish his school project. **OIL**  
He felt extremely tired after ..... finish school project
13. You never continue with sth until it is finished . **THROUGH**  
You ..... to the end.
14. Although we were all encouraging her to climb up the tree, she refused. **EGG**  
Although we were all..... to climb up the tree, she refused.
15. My financial problems are putting pressure on me. **WEIGHING**  
My financial problems .....
16. The school play has really lasted too long. **DRAGGING**  
The school play is .....
17. Jim is progressing too slowly with his school project. **BEHIND**  
Jim has .....work.
18. The social unrest is not going to become less intense in just a few hours. **DIE**  
The social unrest is not ..... in just a few hours
19. She didn't really sing. She just opened and closed her mouth saying nothing. **WORDS**  
She didn't really sing. She just .....
20. I never allow my mother in law to interfere into my affairs. **NOSE**  
I never allow my mother in law .....affairs

21. You may not like the school rules, but you have to obey to avoid trouble. **TOE**  
You may not like the rules, but ..... to avoid trouble.
22. He tried to cheer me up because I felt sad. **MOUTH**  
He tried to cheer me up because .....
23. It was really embarrassing when your asked what her age was! **FOOT**  
You really ..... when your asked what her age was!
24. I think you should take the responsibility for what happened. **SHOULDER**  
I think you ..... what happened.
25. If only I hadn't answered my teacher back . **KICKED**  
I could .....my teacher back.
26. Paul did not like it when you called him shallow. **BEING**  
Paul did not take .....shallow
27. I don't like that colour hair dye. **LIKING**  
That colour hair dye.....
28. I liked my new teacher immediately. **LIKING**  
I took .....my new teacher.
29. They criticized the manager's decisions. **FAULT**  
They .....manager's decisions.
30. He have very little time left. **SHORT**  
We're .....time.
31. He remembers his grandmother with love. **FOND**  
He has .....his grandmother.
32. The Christmas break has made me feel more lively. **LEASE**  
The Christmas break has .....life.
33. We'll have to believe him, because we don't know if he really took the money. **BENEFIT**  
We'll have to..... because we don't know if he really took the money
34. She can't bear her brother any more. **PUT**  
She can't .....any more.
35. His efforts to set up a local youth centre were finally successful. **BORE**  
His efforts to set up a local youth centre .....
36. I sympathise with you. We're in the same position. **BOAT**  
I sympathise with you. We.....
37. I'm not in the right mood to study now. I'll take a walk first. . **FRAME**  
I'm not .....to study now. I'll take a walk first.
38. They were offended by her manner of speaking. **OFFENCE**  
They .....her manner of speaking.
39. There is plenty of food. **ABUNDANCE**  
Food .....
40. They are very much in love with each other. **EYES**  
They ..... each other.
41. I went to the city centre because I wanted to buy new shoes. **VIEW**  
I went to the city centre .....new shoes.
42. He is proud of his achievements. **TAKES**  
He .....his achievements.
43. The teacher ignored his rude behaviour. **BLIND**  
The teacher .....rude behaviour.
44. I've decided to change in my life and get a divorce. **LEAF**

- I've decided .....and get a divorce
45. I can't sympathize with him. **SYMPATHY**  
I .....him
46. I can't really remember how many girlfriends Bob has had. **TRACK**  
I can't .....how many girlfriends Bob has had.
47. He was rather depressed because she had been fired. **LOW**  
He was .....because he had been fired
48. He had nothing to do so he decided to see a movie. **END**  
He ..... so he decided to see a movie.
49. He is never completely relaxed in the presence of his teacher. **EASE**  
He is never ..... in the presence of his teacher
50. When I was awarded the first prize, I didn't know what to say. **WORDS**  
When I was awarded the first prize.....
51. Since my wife left me, I am about to lose my mind. **WITS**  
Since my wife left me, .....
52. We rarely visit our relatives. **OCCASIONS**  
Only .....visit our relatives.
53. You can use my car whenever you want. **DISPOSAL**  
The car .....whenever you want it.
54. I did everything I could to help him **POWER**  
I did .....to help him.
55. I didn't intend to upset you **MY**  
It ..... upset you.
56. It's been over a month since the missing businessman was last seen. **TIME**  
The ..... over a month ago
57. Paula is likely to leave before you get there. **TIME**  
By ..... Paula is likely to have left.
58. His handwriting is illegible. I can't understand anything. **HEAD**  
His handwriting is illegible. I can't .....it.
59. She doesn't earn enough to make a living. **ENDS**  
She doesn't earn enough to .....
60. I don't make decisions here, so there's nothing I can do. **HANDS**  
I don't make decisions here so .....
61. Whatever happens, don't open the door. **SHOULD**  
Under. ....open the door.
62. He was so afraid of spiders, that he fainted whenever he saw one. **FEAR**  
Such ..... that he fainted whenever he saw one
63. If you come first, leave the keys on the table. **COME**  
Should ....., leave the keys on the table.
64. Don't treat it as unimportant. It's serious. **LIGHT**  
Don't .....It's serious.
65. The woman's actions deserved praise, not criticism. **BEEN**  
The woman's actions....., not criticized.
66. There's no way you can succeed. **BOUND**  
You..... fail.
67. I don't even know whether he's in town. **ALL**  
For ..... be in town.

68. Tina might not agree with the idea. **DOUBT**  
It's ..... Tina will agree with the idea.
69. We were all shocked when he died. **CAME**  
His ..... to us all.
70. Without her assistance, I'd have failed. **BEEN**  
Had ....., I'd have failed.
71. If you went back, you would find out the truth. **TO**  
Were ....., you would find out the truth.
72. I'd sooner go out, than stay at home.  
Rather ..... I'll stay at home.
73. You should read the instructions before turning it on. **HAD**  
You ..... instructions before turning it on.
74. The room urgently needs cleaning. **HIGH**  
It's ..... your room.
75. I regret going out with him. **HIGH**  
I'd .....out with him
76. He regretted the fact that they had stayed for dinner. **HADN'T**  
He'd.. ..... for dinner.
77. I'd prefer to live in the country rather than a city. **SOONER**  
I'd .....a city
78. I like rock climbing more than swimming. **PREFER**  
I .....swimming.
79. What I would really like is a slice of pizza. **NOTHING**  
There's ..... a slice of pizza
80. It's doubtful whether they'll sign the contract. **OPEN**  
It's ..... they'll sign the contract
81. It's out of the question that Tony lied to us. **CAN'T**  
Tony ..... I us.
82. What I pity I left my bag at home. **ONLY**  
If ..... my bag at home
83. She has never lied to us. **NO**  
On ..... lied to us.
84. He both sings and dances. **ONLY**  
Not .....dances.
85. The only way to meet him is to make an appointment. **BY**  
Only ..... meet him.
86. He phones her practically every day. **GOES**  
Hardly .....phoning her.
87. I can't understand her behaviour. **LOSS**  
I am .....her behaviour.
88. If you weren't advising me, I'd never get through this. **ADVICE**  
Were it ..... I'd never get through this.
89. I'll leave the door open because the cat may want to go out. **CASE**  
I'll leave the door open ..... out.
90. Providing you pay in cash, you'll receive a discount. **AS**  
So ....., you'll receive a discount.
91. I would like you to call me Joe. **BE**  
I'd .....Joe.

92. He regretted the fact that he had stayed for dinner. **NOT**  
He'd rather .....for dinner.
93. I don't want to stay any longer. **NOT**  
I'd ..... any longer.
94. Your room urgently needs cleaning. **HIGH**  
It's ..... your room.
95. If necessary, I'll stay longer. **BE**  
If ..... longer.
96. I said I'd rather we departed early. **EXPRESSED**  
I .....departure.
97. If only I hadn't bought that expensive car. **REGRET**  
I .....that expensive car.
98. He was imprisoned for having such revolutionary ideas. **EXTENT**  
To such ..... he was imprisoned.
99. Instead of waiting, I took the bus. **WAIT**  
Rather ..... I took the bus
100. It's a pity she didn't change her mind. **WISH**  
I ..... her mind.

1. to drop me a line
2. catch up with
3. film bore no resemblance to
4. reduced my silk shirt to tatters
5. on the tip of my tongue
6. mince her words
7. speak your mind
8. came to light in
9. call her by her fist
10. call into question
11. aren't in the same league
12. burning the midnight oil
13. follow things through
14. egging her on
15. are weighing on
16. really dragging on
17. fallen behind
18. going to die down
19. mouthed the words
20. to nose into
21. you have to toe the line
22. I was down in the mouth
23. put your foot in it
24. shoulder the responsibility
25. have kicked myself for answering
26. lightly being called
27. is not to my liking
28. an instant liking to

29. found fault with the
30. short of
31. fond memories of
32. given me a new lease of
33. give him the benefit of the doubt
34. put up with her brother
35. finally bore fruit
36. in the same boat
37. in the right frame of mind
38. took offence at
39. is in abundance
40. have eyes only for
41. with a view to buying
42. takes pride in
43. turned a blind eye to
44. turn a new leaf
45. have no sympathy for
46. keep track of
47. at a low ebb
48. was at a loose end
49. at ease
50. I was at a loss for words
51. I'm at my wits end
52. on rare occasions do we
53. is at your disposal
54. everything within my power
55. wasn't my intention to
56. last time the missing businessman was seen was
57. the time you get there
58. can't make head or tail of
59. to make ends meet.
60. my hands are tied
61. no circumstances should you
62. was his fear of spiders
63. you come first
64. make light of it
65. should have been praised not
66. are bound to
67. all I know, he may not
68. open to doubt whether
69. death came as a shock
70. it not been for her assistance
71. you to go back
72. than go out
73. had better read the
74. high time you cleaned
75. rather not have gone
76. rather he hadn't stayed

77. sooner live in the country than
78. rock climbing to swimming
79. nothing I would like more than
80. open to question / doubt / speculation whether
81. can't have lied to
82. only I hadn't left
83. no occasion has she
84. only does he sing but also
85. by making an appointment will you
86. a day goes by without his
87. at a loss to understand
88. not for your advice
89. in case the cat wants to go
90. long as you pay in cash
91. rather be called
92. rather not have stayed
93. rather not stay
94. high time you cleaned
95. need be I'll stay
96. expressed my preference for an early
97. regret buying
98. an extent were his ideas revolutionary that
99. than wait
100. wish she had changed