

# CAE GRAMMAR

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## Replace with / Replace by

“Replace by” and “Replace with” mean the same thing, i.e. one thing or person takes the place of another. However, while the active voice favours “replace with”, the passive voice favours “replaced by”.

Examples:

- John will replace Mike on the team. (Mike will be replaced by John on the team.)
- The manager was replaced by a younger person.
- The goal is to replace diesel and petrol vehicles with electric ones.
- They replaced most of their workers with robots. (Most of their workers were replaced by robots.)

## Substitute sb/sth for sb/sth

1) If one person substitutes for another, they take the place of the other person, usually temporarily.

- I found someone to substitute for you.
- Can you substitute for me at tomorrow’s meeting?

2) To use something new or different instead of something else

- You can substitute stevia for sugar if you want fewer calories.

### Common error: substitute with

Some people mistakenly say “substitute with” instead of “substitute for”. It is perhaps a mistake stemming from confusing the two prepositional verbs “replace with” and “substitute for”.

- You can substitute oil with butter or margarine in any recipe. **INCORRECT**
- You can substitute oil for butter or margarine in any recipe. **CORRECT**
- You can replace butter or margarine with oil in any recipe. **CORRECT**

### IMPORTANT:

We substitute A for B. = We replace B with A.  
We substitute oil for butter. = We replace butter with oil.