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# CPE

## Cambridge English: **Proficiency (CPE)** Use of English Part 4

50 KEY WORD

TRANSFORMATION

**EXERCISES VOL.2**

For Questions 25-30 complete the second sentence so that It has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. **Do not change the word given.**  
You must use between **three and eight words**, including the word given.

Here is an example (0).

Example:

(0) John does not intend to retire yet.

**intention**

John has ...*no intention of retiring* ... yet.

# ANSWERS

1. of his own accord
2. against (all) the odds
3. aimed at stopping/preventing people (from)
4. a month goes by/passes without there being
5. on the verge of tears/ crying
6. with his secretary came to light
7. boxer's career was cut short by
8. part in a conversation class as opposed to
9. minutes of running leaves me
10. ahead, we can prevent problems and, into the
11. not by any means/ by no means finished
12. that there is a link between
13. did our hard work bear fruit
14. buried herself in her
15. a healthy diet in conjunction with
16. lack of experience might count against
17. sudden drop in sales cast doubt
18. himself that there was no one else in
19. could have given you the edge
20. the extent to which
21. were few and far between those
22. mean feat, given/considering
23. have you have any reservations about
24. it may seem, the tycoon lacks any
25. up his own company, Kevin followed suit.

- 26.up production at the expense
- 27.have been paid in the vicinity of
- 28.probability/likelihood he failed to notice
- 29.burning the midnight oil studying
- 30.kicking himself for leaving
- 31.in the right frame of mind
- 32.take kindly to being contradicted
- 33.liable to injury when you don't exercise
- 34.were at a loose end
- 35.on occasion does Cate visit
- 36.the best/better part of
- 37.are reliant on
- 38.that happened, but in retrospect
- 39.in the process of updating
- 40.were foreign to me
- 41.in March at the (very) earliest
- 42.have an appetite for learning
- 43.keep/hold mosquitoes at
- 44.she didn't gloat over
- 45.wouldn't dream of discouraging
- 46.I can't break the habit
- 47.in sales gave rise to
- 48.at him, he kept/held his nerve
- 49.feel disposed to help
- 50.still a force to be reckoned with

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