

**CPE sentence transformations reversi
for Cambridge Proficiency Use of English Part Four
with real language points from Cambridge Proficiency Examination Papers 1 Tests 3
and 4**

Instructions for teachers

Cut up one set of cards per group of three or four students, with both versions of each transformation attached to each other, i.e. two cells of the table in each card. Don't cut between the two sides of the card.

Give out the cards and ask students to fold them so that the two versions are on different sides of the card and put them in one column on the table in front of them to represent a ladder. To win the game, a student must go from the bottom of the ladder to the top without making any mistakes, saying (exactly) what is on the other side of the card each time. If they make any mistakes, they slip right down to the bottom of the ladder and play passes to the next person. Each person always starts at the bottom and must do the whole thing in one go to win. If they are correct, the card stays the other way round so the next time it must be tried the other way round.

As in the real exam, students cannot change the word given, meaning they can't change "rises" to "rise", "rose", "risen", etc.

If they get stuck you can:

- Let them look at both sides of all the cards to try and memorise them for two minutes
- Work together rather than competing with each other (but with the same rules about doing the whole thing in one turn)

Cards to cut up/ Suggested answers

Unless the price rises, we will put a deposit down first thing on Monday.

in

Providing _____, we will put a deposit down first thing on Monday.

Providing there is no rise in the price, we will put a deposit down first thing on Monday.

rises

Unless _____, we will put a deposit down first thing on Monday.

There has never been a better job market.

time

At _____ a better job market.

At no time has there been a better job market.

never

There _____ a better job market.

Staff are absolutely forbidden from smoking in the street.

account

On _____ smoke in the street.

On no account must/ should staff smoke in the street.

absolutely

Staff are _____ in the street.

I have no idea why he dumped me.

loss

I _____ why he dumped me.

I'm at a loss to explain why he dumped me.

no

I _____ why he dumped me.

I don't intend to spend my whole life living in this town.

no

I _____ my whole life living in this town.

I have no intention of spending my whole life living in this town.

intend

I _____ my whole life living in this town.

Don't let her sweet smile deceive you; she has a heart of ice.

taken

Don't _____ her sweet smile; she has a heart of ice.

Don't be taken in by her sweet smile; she has a heart of ice.

deceive

Don't _____; she has a heart of ice.

I didn't tell him I knew his secret until he confessed.

for

I _____ telling him I knew his secret.

I waited for him to confess before telling him I knew his secret.

not

I _____ he confessed.

Though I'd like to go there on holiday, under no circumstances would I want to live there.

last

Though I'd like to go there on holiday, _____ to live there.

Though I'd like to go there on holiday, the last thing I want to do is to live there.

circumstances

Though I'd like to go there on holiday, _____ would I want to live there.

I regularly communicated with him on Facebook even up in the Himalayas.

touch

I _____ with him on Facebook even when he was high in the Himalayas.

I kept/ was in (regular) touch with him on Facebook even up in the Himalayas.

communicated

I _____ him on Facebook even when he was high in the Himalayas.