

# CAE – WORD PATTERN GUIDE

abide by (v)  
absent from (adj)  
absorbed in (adj)  
abstain from (v)  
account for (v)  
accountable for/to (adj)  
accustomed to (adj)  
acquainted with (adj)  
act on/out (v)  
adapt to (v)  
addicted to (adj)  
adhere to (v)  
afraid of/to (adj)  
aimed at (adj)  
alert to (adj)  
allergic to (adj)  
allocate to (v)  
allow sb to (v)  
allude to (v)  
alternate with (v)  
amble along (v)  
amount to (v)  
appropriate for (adj)  
approve of (v)  
ascribe to (v)  
aspire to (v)  
assign to (v)  
attribute to (v)  
aware of (adj)

bargain for (v)  
based on (adj)  
beg for (v)  
belong to (v)  
benefit from (v)  
bet against/on (v)  
blend in (with) (v)  
blind to (adj)  
block out (v)  
boast about (v)  
bombarded with (adj)  
border on (v)  
bound for (adj)  
bound to (adj)  
bound up with (adj)  
brand with (v)  
break out (v)  
brighten up (v)  
bring to mind (v)  
bring up (v)  
build up (v)

burn oneself out (v)  
burst into/out (v)  
  
call on (v)  
capable of (adj)  
care about/for/to (v)  
career down (sth) (v)  
carry out (v)  
carry sth throughout (v)  
cast round for (v)  
cater for (v)  
celebrated for (adj)  
central to (adj)  
centre on (v)  
characterised by (adj)  
charge for/with (v)  
cheat out of (v)  
check in (v)  
chop off (v)  
churn up (v)  
clamber over (v)  
clash with (v)  
clear away (v)  
clever with (adj)  
cling to (sth) (v)  
closed off to (adj)  
coincide with (v)  
collaborate in/with (v)  
combine with (v)  
come across (v)  
comment on (v)  
commit to (v)  
commune with (v)  
compare with/to (v)  
compatible with (adj)  
compensate for (v)  
compete against/with/for (v)  
composed of (adj)  
compromise with/on (v)  
concentrate on (v)  
concerned about/in/with (adj)  
conducive to sth (adj)  
confer on/with (v)  
confess to (v)  
confide in (v)  
confine to (v)  
conform to (v)  
confront sb with (v)  
confuse with (v)  
congratulate on (v)  
connect to/with (v)

conscious of (adj)  
consent to (v)  
consist of (v)  
consistent with (adj)  
conspire with/against (v)  
consult about/on (v)  
consumed with (adj)  
contend with (v)  
content to/with (adj)  
contrast with (v)  
convey sth to sb (v)  
count on (v)  
coupled with (adj)  
credit with (v)  
critical of (adj)

dabble in (v)  
date back (v)  
deaf to sth (adj)  
deal in/with (v)  
dedicate to (v)  
depart from (v)  
derive from (v)  
detach from (v)  
deter from (v)  
develop into (v)  
devoted to (adj)  
diagnose as (v)  
differ from (v)  
different from (adj)  
disapprove of (v)  
discriminate against (v)  
dismiss from (v)  
dispose of (v)  
disqualify from (v)  
dissolved in (adj)  
distant from (adj)  
diverge from (v)  
diversify into (v)  
divide into (v)  
double as (v)  
dressed as/for/in (adj)

ebb away (v)  
eke out (v)  
eliminate from (v)  
embark on/upon (v)  
emboldened by (adj)  
emerge from (v)  
encroach on (v)  
endowed with (adj)

engaged in/to (adj)  
entitled to (adj)  
envious of (adj)  
equal to (adj)  
equip with (v)  
exclude from (v)  
experiment on/with (v)

faced with (adj)  
fall into (a category) (place) (v)  
fall out with (v)  
familiar to/with (adj)  
famous for (adj)  
fated to (adj)  
feature on (v)  
feed on (v)  
fit for/to (adj)  
fit into (v)  
focus on (v)  
freed from (adj)  
full of (adj)  
furious about/with (adj)  
furnish with (v)

geared to (+gerund) (adj)  
get sth out of (v)  
give sb away/way to (v)  
glad of (adj)  
glance at (v)  
glare at (v)  
glaze over (v)  
go down well with sb (v)  
go for (it) (v)  
good at/for (adj)  
graduate from (v)  
grounded in (adj)  
gun down (v)

hard on (to be) (adj)  
head for (v)  
hear about/of (v)  
hell-bent on (adj)  
hinder from (v)  
hold out (v)  
hope for (v)  
housed in (adj)  
huddle into (v)

ideal for (adj)  
identical to/with (adj)  
identify with (v)  
ignorant of (adj)

implicate in (v)  
imply by (v)  
impose on (v)  
improve on (v)  
inclined to (adj)  
include in (v)  
incorporate in (v)  
indicative of (adj)  
indulge in (v)  
infect with (v)  
infer from (v)  
inferior to (adj)  
insert in (v)  
insist on (v)  
inspired by (adj)  
instil in (v)  
instruct in (v)  
interact with (v)  
invest in (v)  
involved in/with (adj)  
irrespective of (adj)  
issue with (v)  
itch to (do sth) (v)

jealous of (adj)  
joined to (adj)  
jot sth down (v)  
jump at (v)

keen on/to (adj)  
keep up with (v)  
kind of/to (adj)

laugh about sth/at sb (v)  
lay down sth (v)  
lead to (v)  
lean against/on (v)  
let down (v)  
level down (v)  
liable for/to (adj)  
liaise with (v)  
lie before sb (v)  
lie with (v)  
limited in/to (adj)  
lined with (adj)  
live off (v)  
load up on (v)  
located in (adj)  
log on (v)  
long for (v)  
look to do sth (v)  
lucky at/in (adj)

mad about/with (adj)  
manage to (v)  
marvel at (v)  
mean by/to (v)  
meant as (adj)  
meant to (adj)  
merge into/with (v)  
miss out (on) (v)  
mistake for (v)  
mix with (v)  
motivated by (adj)  
move up (v)

negotiate on/with (v)  
nibble on/at (v)  
nod off (v)  
note down (v)  
notorious for (adj)

object to (v)  
occupied with (adj)  
occur to (v)  
operate on (v)  
opt for (v)  
opt out of (v)

pack up (v)  
packed with (adj)  
part with (v)  
participate in (v)  
peer out from (v)  
persevere in (v)  
persist in (v)  
peter out (v)  
phase out (v)  
pick up (on) (v)  
play back (v)  
plug in(to) (v)  
point to (v)  
pop round (v)  
pounce on (v)  
prejudiced against (adj)  
preserve from (v)  
prey on (v)  
proficient at (adj)  
prohibit from (v)  
prospect for (v)  
protect against/from (v)  
protest against (v)  
proud of (adj)  
provide for (v)  
punish for (v)

put forward (v)  
put sth aside (v)  
put to work/use (v)  
puzzle over (v)

quarrel about/over/with (v)  
queue up (v)  
quieten down (v)

rage on (v)  
rally round (v)  
ranging from (adj)  
react to (v)  
ready for (adj)  
recover from (v)  
recuperate from (v)  
reduce to (v)  
refer to (v)  
reflect on (v)  
refrain from (v)  
regardless of (adj)  
release from (v)  
relegate to (v)  
relevant to (adj)  
remind about/to (v)  
reminiscent of (adj)

reply to (v)  
report on/to (v)  
representative of (adj)  
rescue from (v)  
reserve for (v)  
resign from (v)  
resigned to (adj)  
responsible for sth/to sb (adj)  
restore to (v)  
restrain from (v)  
restricted to (adj)  
result from/in (v)  
retire from (v)  
reward for sth (act)/with sth (prize) (v)  
rhyme with (v)  
rid of (get) (adj)  
rid sth of (v)  
rob of (v)  
rooted in (adj)  
roused from (adj)

satisfied with (adj)  
save from (v)  
scale down (v)  
search for (v)

send for (v)  
separate from/into  
serve with (v)  
set against (v)  
set in/on/up (v)  
shake off (v)  
share in sth/with sb (v)  
shoot at (v)  
short of (adj)  
shut out (v)  
similar to (adj)  
single out (v)  
sit back (v)  
situated at/in/on (adj)  
skilled at/in (adj)  
slog away (v)  
slog it out (v)  
slow down (v)  
slow to (do sth) (adj)  
smell of (v)  
smile at (v)  
sorry about sth/for sb (adj)  
specialise in (v)  
spend on (v)  
split up (v)  
spy on (v)  
stamp out (v)  
stare at (v)  
start off on (v)  
steal from (v)  
stop off at (v)  
struck by (to be) (adj)  
subject to (adj)  
submit to (v)  
substitute for (v)  
succeed in (v)  
suffer from (v)  
suitable for (adj)  
sum up (v)  
superior to (adj)  
supply sb with sth (v)  
sure about (adj)  
surprised at/by (adj)  
susceptible to (adj)  
suspect of (v)  
suspicious of (adj)  
swear at/to (v)  
switch off/on (v)  
sympathise with (v)

tailor sth to suit sth (v)  
take in/off/over/up (v)

take into account (v)  
take part in (v)  
talk about/to (v)  
thank for (v)  
think out (a situation) (v)  
threaten with (v)  
tired of (adj)  
touch on (v)  
trade in sth/with sb (v)  
transform into (v)  
translate from/into (v)  
treat sb for (illness) (v)  
treat sb/sth with sth (v)  
triumph over (v)  
trouble about/with (v)  
true of (adj)  
tug at sth (v)  
turn up at (v)  
typical of (adj)

unaware of (adj)  
urge to (v)  
use up (v)  
used to (adj)  
used up (adj)  
useful for/to (adj)  
utilise as/for (v)

vent (anger) on (v)  
venture to (v)  
verge on (v)  
vested in (adj)  
vie with (v)  
view as (v)  
vital to (adj)  
vote for (v)

weary of (adj)  
wafted into (adj)  
wait for (v)  
walk out (on) (v)  
ward off (v)  
wary of sth (adj)  
whizz along (v)  
wipe out (v)  
wonder at (v)  
work at/in/on (v)  
worry about/over (v)

yearn for (v)  
yell at (v)  
yield to (v)