

C2 Proficiency: Part 4 Mini Test KEY

1. I've been racking my brains to remember where I've seen that man before.
FINGER
Try as I MIGHT/MAY I CAN'T // PUT MY FINGER ON where I've seen that man before.
2. He looks a lot like his uncle Bill.
RESEMBLANCE
He BEARS A CLOSE/STRIKING // RESEMBLANCE TO his uncle Bill.
3. Don't get too excited just yet, the final election results haven't been confirmed.
HOPES
Don't GET YOUR HOPES // UP just yet, the final election results haven't been confirmed.
4. The sight of the finish line in the distance motivated the runners to continue.
WONDERS
Seeing the finish line DID/WORKED WONDERS // FOR THE RUNNERS' MOTIVATION levels.
5. They hadn't planned on buying a new sofa before they bought it.
SPUR
They bought their new sofa ON THE SPUR // OF THE moment.
6. I briefly saw John as he walked past the bedroom window.
CAUGHT
I CAUGHT A GLIMPSE // OF JOHN as he walked past the bedroom window.
7. If anyone finds out what the boss really said in the meeting, it could cause a big scandal.
LIGHT
If what the boss is rumoured to HAVE SAID IN THE MEETING COMES // TO LIGHT, it could cause a big scandal.
8. Many workers are finding it difficult to accept losing their jobs because of the recession.
REDUNDANT
Many workers are struggling to come TO TERMS WITH // BEING MADE REDUNDANT because of the recession.
9. My brother called me unexpectedly on Sunday night.
BLUE
On Sunday night, completely OUT OF // THE BLUE, my brother called me.
10. The company didn't tell us anything about the staff cuts for several months.
DARK
We WERE KEPT // IN THE DARK about the staff cuts for several months.
11. His logic proved to be irrefutable.
ARGUMENT
So LOGICAL WAS HIS ARGUMENT // (THAT) IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE to refute it.
12. The band's not going to play any more, so why don't we leave?
NOW
We might AS WELL LEAVE // NOW THAT THE BAND HAVE given their final encore.
13. Thanks to Bob, we won the match.
FOR
Had IT NOT BEEN FOR BOB // WE WOULD HAVE lost the match.
14. He promised never to lie again.
TRUTH
He swore TO TELL THE TRUTH // FROM now on.

15. My host family on the exchange trip did everything they could to make me feel comfortable.
STOPS
My host family really pulled OUT ALL THE STOPS // TO PUT ME AT ease.
16. She's forever warning her husband about driving too fast, but he pays no attention.
OFTEN
No MATTER HOW OFTEN // SHE WARNS her husband about driving too fast, he pays no attention.
17. She emigrated immediately after gaining her degree.
GRADUATED
No SOONER HAD SHE GRADUATED // THAN SHE MOVED/WENT abroad.
18. Phil stopped being unrealistic when he lost his job.
BROUGHT
The LOSS OF HIS JOB // BROUGHT PHIL DOWN TO Earth.
19. She got her licence because her father helped her learn to drive.
ASSISTANCE
But FOR HER FATHER'S ASSISTANCE, // SHE WOULDN'T HAVE passed her driving test.
20. I'm not sure but I think Chris was the last person to leave the office on Friday.
KNOWLEDGE
To THE BEST // OF MY KNOWLEDGE, Chris was the last person to leave the office on Friday.
21. It wasn't Susan's fault that the dog chewed your slipper.
BLAME
Susan's NOT TO BLAME // FOR THE DOG CHEWING your slipper.
22. I don't think I made a good impression on my new boss today.
FOOT
I think my boss and I might HAVE GOT/GOTTEN OFF // ON THE WRONG FOOT today.
23. He takes great satisfaction in being a great cook.
PRIDES
He PRIDES HIMSELF // ON HIS ABILITY to cook.
24. My father persuaded me to learn another foreign language.
TALKED
It was MY FATHER WHO TALKED ME // INTO LEARNING another foreign language.
25. I found the plot of the book too complicated to follow.
HEAD
I COULDN'T MAKE // HEAD NOR TAIL OF the plot of the book.