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A. Starting a conversation

Choose the reply that fits the situation and purpose.

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1. You meet Nimal for the first time. Choose a suitable greeting.
   - A. Please repeat that.
   - B. See you again next week.
   - C. Welcome back, Nimal.
   - D. Pleased to meet you, Nimal.
2. You recognise a face but are unsure where you met. What can you ask?
   - A. Why are you late again?
   - B. Can you lend me a bag?
   - C. Have we met somewhere before?
   - D. When will the shop close?
3. You want permission to sit beside someone. What can you say?
   - A. You have taken my chair.
   - B. Is this seat free?
   - C. Are these chairs expensive?
   - D. Where did you buy that chair?
4. You want to learn about a new person's work. What should you ask?
   - A. Did you sleep well?
   - B. Where is the exit?
   - C. What kind of work do you do?
   - D. How much is the ticket?
5. Someone asks why you came to the book fair. Choose a relevant answer.
   - A. My shoes are comfortable.
   - B. It is nearly six o'clock.
   - C. The bus was blue.
   - D. I came to find books for my class.
6. You want to include a quiet person in the conversation. What can you ask?
   - A. What do you think about it?
   - B. Can you close the gate?
   - C. Please stay silent.
   - D. Why did you bring that bag?
7. You have just moved to this town. Which sentence introduces that fact?
   - A. I am leaving town yesterday.
   - B. I moved here last month.
   - C. I have finished the town.
   - D. I move the town each month.
8. You want to ask how someone's day has gone so far. Choose the question.
   - A. How has your day been?
   - B. Why is the day a person?
   - C. What colour is your day?
   - D. Who did you lend the day to?
9. You want to explain how you know the host. Choose a useful sentence.
   - A. The school costs ten minutes.
   - B. I know the road is wet.
   - C. The host teaches at my school.
   - D. The host has a red cup.
10. You want to suggest another conversation after today's meeting. What fits?
    - A. We must never speak again.
    - B. Perhaps we could chat again next week.
    - C. This chair belongs outside.
    - D. You should finish my homework.

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B. Asking a useful follow-up

Complete each question. Use the box; words may be used again.

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Box: What | Where | Who | When | Why | How | Which | How many | How long

11. _____ did you put the invitations? At the reception desk.

12. _____ travelled with you? My younger sister.

13. _____ did the workshop end? At half past four.

14. _____ did you leave early? Because I had another appointment.

15. _____ did you reach the hall? By bicycle.

16. _____ of the two notebooks is yours? The smaller one.

17. _____ chairs do we need? Eight chairs.

18. _____ did the journey take? About twenty minutes.

19. _____ happened after the phone call? The office sent a new form.

20. _____ did you enjoy most? The group discussion.

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C. Dealing with everyday problems

Match each situation to a useful response. Write its letter.

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Situation / reply	Options
21. Your door keys are inside the locked house. ___	A. Please wait while I restart the program.
22. Your card payment has not worked. ___	B. Can you change into a more comfortable pair?
23. You discover that you are walking along the wrong road. ___	C. Can a family member bring the spare keys?
24. Your phone battery is almost empty. ___	D. Could we return home before visiting the shop?
25. You left your purse at home. ___	E. I have the booking email; could you check this reference?
26. The parcel you ordered has not reached you. ___	F. Let's check the map before we go any farther.
27. Your computer has stopped responding. ___	G. Let's get off at the next stop and check the return route.
28. You passed the bus stop where you wanted to get off. ___	H. Let's contact the delivery company with the order number.
29. Your shoes are hurting your feet. ___	I. Would you like to try a different card?
30. The cafe cannot find your reservation. ___	J. Is there somewhere nearby to charge it?

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D. Making and changing plans

Put the words in order. Add capitals and punctuation as needed.

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31. meet / can / library. / the / outside / We

32. choose / a / place? / Could / quieter / we

33. will / number / the / guests / I / confirm / tomorrow. / of

34. two / invite / classmates. / more / Let's

35. table. / second / need / a / might / We

36. Can / start / later? / we / half / an / hour

37. afternoon. / another / appointment / I / that / have

38. costs. / could / the / divide / travel / We

39. tell / plans / me / if / your / Please / change.

40. checking / decide / We / after / weather. / can / the

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E. Asking politely for help

Write a polite request for each situation. Other natural replies are possible.

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41. You need help carrying a heavy box.

42. You need a classmate to speak more slowly.

43. You would like to borrow a ruler.

44. You need someone to check a name on a form.

45. You want someone to close a noisy door.

46. You need a colleague to look after reception briefly.

47. You cannot reach a book on a high shelf.

48. You need a reminder about tomorrow's meeting.

49. You need another copy of a worksheet.

50. You want a friend to leave enough space for a bag.

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