



Formal and informal speaking quiz

Level A

1. Choose a word or phrase to complete the statement or question in a formal manner:

Bringing up teenagers can be ...

- A) really tough
- B) extremely challenging
- C) a nightmare

2. Choose a word or phrase to complete the statement or question in a formal manner:

Parents often find themselves having to ...

- A) establish rules of acceptable behaviour
- B) lay down the law
- C) tell the kids what to do

3. Choose a word or phrase to complete the statement or question in a formal manner:

Working parents who are not able to be home until after 6pm may be anxious about ...

- A) appropriate care and supervision for their children outside of school hours
- B) the teenagers getting into trouble after school
- C) what the kids get up to after school

4. Choose a word or phrase to complete the statement or question in a formal manner:

Some teenagers complain that their parents ...

- A) are always wanting to know what they are up to
- B) continually enquire about their activities
- C) nag all the time about what they are doing



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5. Choose a word or phrase to complete the statement or question in a formal manner:

Homework is often ...

- A) at the bottom of a row
- B) what causes a battle
- C) a subject of disagreement

6. Choose a word or phrase to complete the statement or question in a formal manner:

Parents may worry if their teenage children ...

- A) vanish for hours on end with their friends
- B) neglect to inform them of their intention to spend time with friends
- C) are out all the time with their mates.

7. Choose a word or phrase to complete the statement or question in a formal manner:

On the other hand, teenagers may feel that their parents ...

- A) should let them do what they want
- B) should acknowledge their independence
- C) try to control them too much

8. Choose a word or phrase to complete the statement or question in a formal manner:

Parents sometimes feel that ...

- A) they can't get through to their teenagers
- B) the kids just don't listen to a thing.
- C) they have difficulty communicating effectively with their teenagers.

9. Choose a word or phrase to complete the statement or question in a formal manner:

Some people recommend that parents

- A) schedule time for family activities
- B) hang out with the teenagers
- C) make time to do sports and other stuff with their teenagers



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10. Choose a word or phrase to complete the statement or question in a formal manner:

Other advice suggests that teenagers

- A) need to be left alone sometimes
- B) appreciate having time which is independent from their parents
- C) need space to do their own thing



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Level B

1. Choose the best answer to match how formal or informal the situation is:

Could you possibly let me know if...

- A) you've got any office jobs going
- B) there are any vacancies in administration

2. Choose the best answer to match how formal or informal the situation is:

Good morning. I'm interested in applying...

- A) for the post of office manager
- B) for the office boss job

3. Choose the best answer to match how formal or informal the situation is:

Hi, let's meet tomorrow. 5pm? Your place?

- A) Great - see you then
- B) I'd be pleased to meet with you tomorrow

4. Choose the best answer to match how formal or informal the situation is:

I'd like to invite you to attend for interview on the 15th at 9am

- A) Sorry mate, no can do. What about Tuesday?
- B) I'm sorry but I'm not able to attend at that time. Is it possible to have another appointment?

5. Choose the best answer to match how formal or informal the situation is:

Can you tell us something about your previous work experience?

- A) Sure, I've done 5 years in an office
- B) Certainly, I've had five years experience of office work

6. Choose the best answer to match how formal or informal the situation is:

Have you had any experience of this type of work?

- A) Yes, I've had some experience in my previous post
- B) Sure, I did it in my last job



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7. Choose the best answer to match how formal or informal the situation is:

Fancy a film tonight?

- A) That would be very pleasant
- B) Good idea

8. Choose the best answer to match how formal or informal the situation is:

Ever thought about going camping?

- A) No chance, you 've got to be joking
- B) No I'm afraid that does not appeal to me at all

9. Choose the best answer to match how formal or informal the situation is:

Could you tell me ...

- A) what you want to do next?
- B) what you would like to do next?

10. Choose the best answer to match how formal or informal the situation is:

See Eastenders last night?

- A) No I'm afraid I don't follow that programme
- B) No, never watch it



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Level C

1. Decide if the situation is formal or informal, and choose the best word, phrase or response to fill the gaps.

I am _____ this type of work.

- A) very interested in
- B) crazy about
- C) dead keen on

2. Decide if the situation is formal or informal, and choose the best word, phrase or response to fill the gaps.

I am confident that _____.

- A) it'd be easy
- B) I could do it well
- C) I'd be great

3. Decide if the situation is formal or informal, and choose the best word, phrase or response to fill the gaps.

I have had _____ managing budgets.

- A) years of blood, sweat and tears
- B) loads of time
- C) a lot of experience of

4. Decide if the situation is formal or informal, and choose the best word, phrase or response to fill the gaps.

Thank you very much for _____.

- A) your assistance
- B) giving us hand
- C) mucking in



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5. Decide if the situation is formal or informal, and choose the best word, phrase or response to fill the gaps.

I'm afraid we _____ on Wednesdays.

- A) are not open
- B) shut up shop

6. Decide if the situation is formal or informal, and choose the best word, phrase or response to fill the gaps.

Hey, fancy a _____ tonight?

- A) programme of entertainment
- B) night out

7. Decide if the situation is formal or informal, and choose the best word, phrase or response to fill the gaps.

Come and _____ with this shopping will you?

- A) lend me your assistance
- B) give me a hand

8. Decide if the situation is formal or informal, and choose the best word, phrase or response to fill the gaps.

I don't mind. Do _____ .

- A) whatever you like
- B) the activity of your choice.

9. Decide if the situation is formal or informal, and choose the best word, phrase or response to fill the gaps.

Who's that? _____ .

- A) I am not familiar with this person.
- B) Never heard of him.



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10. Decide if the situation is formal or informal, and choose the best word, phrase or response to fill the gaps.

Could you direct me to the reception please? _____ .

- A) I'm sorry, I'm a stranger here myself.
- B) Search me, haven't a clue.



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Answers

Level A

1. Choose a word or phrase to complete the statement or question in a formal manner:

Bringing up teenagers can be ...

The correct answer is: B. "Extremely challenging" is the most formal expression.

2. Choose a word or phrase to complete the statement or question in a formal manner:

Parents often find themselves having to ...

The correct answer is: A. "Establish rules of acceptable behaviour" is the most formal expression.

3. Choose a word or phrase to complete the statement or question in a formal manner:

Working parents who are not able to be home until after 6pm may be anxious about ...

The correct answer is: A. "Appropriate care and supervision for their children outside of school hours" is the most formal expression.

4. Choose a word or phrase to complete the statement or question in a formal manner:

Some teenagers complain that their parents ...

The correct answer is: B. "Continually enquire about their activities" is the most formal expression.

5. Choose a word or phrase to complete the statement or question in a formal manner:

Homework is often ...

The correct answer is: C. "A subject of disagreement" is the most formal expression.



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6. Choose a word or phrase to complete the statement or question in a formal manner:

Parents may worry if their teenage children ...

The correct answer is: B. "Neglect to inform them of their intention to spend time with friends" is the most formal expression.

7. Choose a word or phrase to complete the statement or question in a formal manner:

On the other hand, teenagers may feel that their parents ...

The correct answer is: B. "Should acknowledge their independence" is the most formal expression.

8. Choose a word or phrase to complete the statement or question in a formal manner:

Parents sometimes feel that ...

The correct answer is: C. "They have difficulty communicating effectively with their teenagers" is the most formal expression.

9. Choose a word or phrase to complete the statement or question in a formal manner:

Some people recommend that parents

The correct answer is: A. "Schedule time for family activities" is the most formal expression.

10. Choose a word or phrase to complete the statement or question in a formal manner:

Other advice suggests that teenagers

The correct answer is: B. "Appreciate having time which is independent from their parents" is the most formal expression.



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Level B

1. Choose the best answer to match how formal or informal the situation is:

Could you possibly let me know if...

The correct answer is: B. "there are any vacancies in administration". It is more formal, so matches the first part of the question.

2. Choose the best answer to match how formal or informal the situation is:

Good morning. I'm interested in applying...

The correct answer is: A. "for the post of office manager". It is more formal, so matches the first part of the statement.

3. Choose the best answer to match how formal or informal the situation is:

Hi, let's meet tomorrow. 5pm? Your place?

The correct answer is: A. "Great - see you then". It is less formal so it matches the first statement.

4. Choose the best answer to match how formal or informal the situation is:

I'd like to invite you to attend for interview on the 15th at 9am

The correct answer is: B. "I'm sorry but I'm not able to attend at that time. Is it possible to have another appointment?". This is more formal and it matches the first statement.



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5. Choose the best answer to match how formal or informal the situation is:

Can you tell us something about your previous work experience?

The correct answer is: B. "Certainly, I've had five years experience of office work". It is more formal and matches the question.

6. Choose the best answer to match how formal or informal the situation is:

Have you had any experience of this type of work?

The correct answer is: A. "Yes, I've had some experience in my previous post". It is more formal and matches the question.

7. Choose the best answer to match how formal or informal the situation is:

Fancy a film tonight?

The correct answer is: B. "Good idea". It is less formal so it matches the first statement.

8. Choose the best answer to match how formal or informal the situation is:

Ever thought about going camping?

The correct answer is: A. "No chance, you 've got to be joking". It is less formal so it matches the first statement.

9. Choose the best answer to match how formal or informal the situation is:

Could you tell me ...

The correct answer is: B. "what you would like to do next?". It is more formal so it matches the first part of the question.



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10. Choose the best answer to match how formal or informal the situation is:

See Eastenders last night?

The correct answer is: B. "No, never watch it." It is less formal so it matches the first statement.



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Level C

1. Decide if the situation is formal or informal, and choose the best word, phrase or response to fill the gaps.

I am _____ this type of work.

The correct answer is: A. The situation is formal. The best answer is "very interested in".

2. Decide if the situation is formal or informal, and choose the best word, phrase or response to fill the gaps.

I am confident that _____.

The correct answer is: B. The situation is formal. The best answer is "I could do it well".

3. Decide if the situation is formal or informal, and choose the best word, phrase or response to fill the gaps.

I have had _____ managing budgets.

The correct answer is: C. The situation is formal. The best answer is "a lot of experience of".

4. Decide if the situation is formal or informal, and choose the best word, phrase or response to fill the gaps.

Thank you very much for _____.

The correct answer is: A. The situation is formal. The best answer is "your assistance".

5. Decide if the situation is formal or informal, and choose the best word, phrase or response to fill the gaps.

I'm afraid we _____ on Wednesdays.

The correct answer is: A. The situation is formal. The best answer is "are not open".



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6. Decide if the situation is formal or informal, and choose the best word, phrase or response to fill the gaps.

Hey, fancy a _____ tonight?

The correct answer is: B. The situation is informal. The best answer is "night out".

7. Decide if the situation is formal or informal, and choose the best word, phrase or response to fill the gaps.

Come and _____ with this shopping will you?

The correct answer is: B. The situation is informal. The best answer is "give me a hand".

8. Decide if the situation is formal or informal, and choose the best word, phrase or response to fill the gaps.

I don't mind. Do _____ .

The correct answer is: A. The situation is informal. The best answer is "whatever you like".

9. Decide if the situation is formal or informal, and choose the best word, phrase or response to fill the gaps.

Who's that? _____ .

The correct answer is: B. The situation is informal. The best answer is "Never heard of him".

10. Decide if the situation is formal or informal, and choose the best word, phrase or response to fill the gaps.

Could you direct me to the reception please? _____ .

The correct answer is: A. The situation is formal. The best answer is "I'm sorry, I'm a stranger here myself".