

Multi-word expressions and Chunks from 10 Ways to Have a Better Conversation

Choose the best expression to suit both sentences (a and b) in each pair.

You may have to change the form slightly:

[quantity or time expression] **or so** ** **the exact same** [noun] **
to put it [it=an idea] ** **to have an argument with sb** **
[talk to sb] **face to face**. ** **a show of hands** **
to walk sb through sth [sth=a process, a complex idea] **
[it] **boils down to** [noun] ** **to err on the side of caution** **
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1a. I am going through _____ thing right now.

1b. It is _____ paper with only the name changed.

2a. These unrealistic scenarios happened every 500 years _____.

2b. Most bicycles are discarded after two years _____.

3a. It really _____ this: all life is interrelated.

3b. What this often _____ is making connections between what we read in books and how we behave in the real world.

4a. I _____ die eating cheeseburgers than live off steamed cauliflower!

4b. Somerville, Massachusetts is the kind of place many non-residents _____ avoid.

5a. The first time I met Dr. Lloyd, we _____.

5b. Did something happen outside?" Did you _____ with somebody?

6a. This app _____ users _____ a series of steps that allow them to define the analysis they want to run and then interpret the results.

6b. I have provided three examples in Table 1, and I will _____ you _____ the first example.

7a. Given the exploratory nature of the study, I chose to _____.

7b. Scientists are split over whether to support the whale sanctuary. Supporters say we should _____ in protecting the animals.

8a. Further information could be gathered in _____ interviews or using focus group methodologies.

8b. If I had not previously met with the adviser _____, I would certainly have felt uncomfortable about a telephone consultation with her.

9a. _____ of the 65 people in the audience was nearly unanimous that the name should be changed.

9b. "Let's see _____," said the Chair, "How many of you think that we should repeat the experiment?"

10a. For days after the accident, the authorities chose not to disclose the name of the driver. The way they _____ was, "At this time, our intention is not to share this information."

10b. The Job offer was "tongue and cheek". To _____ simply - a joke.

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