

Exercise 1

Complete the dialogs with an expression from the box.

I couldn't agree more. • I couldn't care less. • I really don't mind. It's up to you.
It does nothing for me. • Let me sleep on it. • Never mind. It can't be helped.
No way! Not a chance! • You've got to be kidding! • Why not? Go for it!
Wow! Way to go! • You should really get a life. • You're welcome, but it was nothing really.

1. A. Shall we eat out or do you want me to cook something?
B. _____
A. OK. In that case, let's eat out.
2. A. The economics seminar has been canceled yet again.
B. _____
A. I'm afraid not. Professor Parkhill sure seems to be absent a lot these days.
3. A. Our history lessons are really boring, aren't they?
B. _____
A. Right. Perhaps we shouldn't have chosen it as an option.
4. A. We're going to Mo's bar tonight. Want to come?
B. _____
A. Come on, don't be like that! It'll be fun!
5. A. I need a decision as soon as possible.
B. _____
A. Well, to be honest, I'd rather you told me now.
6. A. Are you interested in science?
B. _____
A. Me neither. I find it really boring.
7. A. I spent most of the weekend lying in bed and watching TV.
B. _____
A. I know! You're not the first person to say that.
8. A. If you don't work harder, you'll fail your exams.
B. _____
A. Well, you should. Your whole future might depend on them.
9. A. I've passed all my exams – grade A's all round!
B. _____
A. Thanks. I never thought I'd be able to do it.
10. A. Do you think I should apply to the University of West Virginia?
B. _____
A. All right, I will. Thanks.
11. A. Thank you so much for all your help. I couldn't have done it without you.
B. _____
A. No, really, I really appreciate it.
12. A. I'm really sorry that I lost your dictionary.
B. _____
A. Nevertheless, I promise to replace it.

Exercise 2

Instructions as above.

Let me lend a hand. • How's it going? • How should I know?
I'm a bit tied up for the time being. • I'm going to give it all I've got. • Is it any wonder?
Oh, I'm used to it. • Sure. Why not? • What a drag! • What do you have in mind?
You bet! • You're out of luck.

1. A. Can I have a look at your essay to get a few ideas?
B. _____
A. Thanks. I'll do the same for you next time.
2. A. I'm working really hard for my exam at the moment.
B. _____
A. Oh, not bad. I'm fairly confident of passing.
3. A. Where's Murai today?
B. _____
A. Don't be like that. I was only asking.
4. A. We need to finish this assignment by Monday. There goes our weekend.
B. _____
A. I know, but we'll make up for it next weekend.
5. A. Want to come to the concert tonight?
B. _____
A. That's great. I'll go and get us some tickets.
6. A. Do you think you'll pass your exams?
B. _____
A. That's the spirit! Well, good luck.
7. A. Do you find it difficult getting up at 6 o'clock every morning?
B. _____
A. I suppose you must be. You've been doing it for so long.
8. A. We're thinking of doing something to celebrate the end of the semester.
B. _____
A. I'm not sure, really. Perhaps a barbecue, or something like that.
9. A. Are there any tickets left for tonight's show?
B. _____
A. I thought so. Oh well, never mind.
10. A. I have to get the hall ready for tonight's lecture.
B. _____
A. That's really kind of you.
11. A. I was wondering if you could help me with my assignment.
B. _____
A. Yes, I thought you might be a bit busy right now.
12. A. Poor Sarah failed to get a good grade in her TOEFL once again.
B. _____
A. Right. She never seems to do any preparation for it.

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Complete these dialogs with an appropriate expression from the box.

A little bird told me. • Be my guest. • Fire away, I'm all ears. • I'd be glad to
I'm having second thoughts. • I'm keeping my fingers crossed. • My lips are sealed.
Now you're talking! • Rather you than me. • That'll be the day! • That'll teach you!
Who let the cat out of the bag?

1. A. Would you mind looking after my bag while I go to the rest room?
B. _____
2. A. Do you mind if I sit here?
B. _____
3. A. How do you know the test has been canceled?
B. _____
4. A. I'd be really grateful if you didn't tell anyone about it.
B. _____
5. A. Do you think you'll pass the exam?
B. _____
6. A. I've signed up for extra sociology classes with Professor Dullman.
B. _____
7. A. I've got some really interesting news.
B. _____
8. A. You don't want to work tonight? OK, let's go to the theater instead.
B. _____
9. A. I thought you were going to apply for a place on the Theory of Knowledge course.
B. _____
10. A. I promise to work harder from now on.
B. _____
11. A. I hear that you're going to throw a surprise party for my birthday.
B. _____
12. A. I've just eaten six hot dogs, and now I've got a terrible stomach ache.
B. _____

Exercise 2

Instructions as above.

Congratulations. • Couldn't be better. • Hold on. • I'd love to. • I'd rather you didn't.
Oh, that's too bad. • Oh, this is on me. • Sure, touch wood.
Thanks. Make yourself at home. • The name doesn't ring any bells. • You're welcome.
Yes. Take care and keep in touch.

1. A. I can't afford to go to the concert tonight.
B. _____
 2. A. I've managed to get a place on the Advanced Studies program.
B. _____
 3. A. Would you like to come to Gino's tonight?
B. _____
 4. A. Thank you very much for all your help.
B. _____
 5. A. Oh wow! What a great room. It's wonderful.
B. _____
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6. A. We'd better leave now – our train leaves in half an hour.
B. _____
 7. A. It's been nice seeing you again. Let's get together again soon.
B. _____
 8. A. Hi, Tom. How are you?
B. _____
 9. A. Do you mind if I smoke in here?
B. _____
 10. A. I didn't do too well in the end of semester exams.
B. _____
 11. A. Have you ever heard of the Darwin Awards?
B. _____
 12. A. Do you think you'll do well in tomorrow's test?
B. _____