

Conversation 1

Situation: A fourth-year student is talking to her advisor in his office.

Jane : Hello, Professor Jones. ___1___ Do you mind if I ask a few questions?

Professor : ___2___ That's what a student advisor is for. How can I help you?

Jane : Well, I'm having a little trouble with my research paper. I'm almost finished, but ___3___ how to write the conclusion.

Professor : Well, I suggest summarizing the most important findings from your work and giving some suggestions for further research.

Jane : Oh, so other people will read it too?

Professor : Sure, ___4___ your paper might get published in an online journal. Thousands of people will be able to read it___ 5___.

Jane : Oh, I see. Thank you so much for your help, Professor.

1. 1. Do you have the time? 2. Sorry to bother you.
3. Pardon my interruption 4. Forgive me for questioning
5. Apologize for any inconvenience.

2. 1. No problem 2. No surprise
3. No kidding 4. No time
5. No way

3. 1. I know 2. I care about
3. I couldn't care less 4. I'm not quite sure
5. I don't want to miss

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4. 1. once you see it
2. once it is proved
3. once is not enough
4. once you go back
5. once you've finished

5. 1. if it's true
2. if they like
3. if I were you
4. if they have to
5. if it is concluded

Conversation 2

Situation: Three freshmen university students are discussing the upcoming semester.

Bank : ___6___. It sure has been a lot of fun doing freshmen activities this summer, hasn't it?

Net : Yes, ___7___. I'm a little nervous about our classes though. The semester starts next week!

First : ___8___, Nat. I think it'll be easy. I've heard that the instructors don't bother you nearly as much as in high school.

Bank : ___9___. Unfortunately, that also means that they won't remind you when your assignments are due.

Net : Really? ___10___if you miss an assignment then?

Bank : I think that it means you get a 'zero' for it.

First : Uh oh. Now, I'm starting to get a little worried about next semester too!

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6. 1. Hi guys
2. Good riddance
3. It's been years
4. Nice to meet you
5. My pleasure

7. 1. that comes and goes
2. that's too good to be true
3. that was a complete disaster
4. that is beyond my knowledge
5. that trip to the beach was great

8. 1. You name it
2. You got me there
3. You worry too much
4. You're killing it
5. You can say that again

9. 1. I'll be on leave
2. I should be lucky
3. I am next in line
4. I've heard that too
5. I can hear your voice

10. 1. When to turn
2. How wrong
3. Why bother
4. Who cares
5. What happens

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Conversation 3

Situation: Ann is talking to her friend Bee about breaking up with her boyfriend.

Bee : Good afternoon, Ann. I saw you and Benz at the movie last night. You two make a lovely couple. He looks like he is ___11___.

Ann : Yeah, I'm afraid so.

Bee : ___12___? Don't you like him too?

Ann : He's OK. To be honest, we ___13___.

Bee : Can you explain more about that?

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Ann : Well, he's always talking about football. Oh--and he talks about video games all the time! I ___14___.

Bee : I can see how that might be a bid boring for you. He's such a nice guy though.

Ann : Yeah, he is. I'll have to figure out ___15___ to him gently.

11. 1. independent
2. really into you
3. confused and insecure
4. happy and attractive
5. selfish and unfaithful

12. 1. What can you do
2.What do you mean
3. What are your thoughts
4. What would you talk about
5. What have you lost

13. 1. come together over the loss
2. can speak out no matter what
3. don 't really have a lot in common
4. see eye to eye about anything
5. are emotionally committed to each other

14. 1. don't care about any of that stuff
2. gained some valuable lessons
3. simply accept what I am feeling
4. know the difference between love and hate
5. my dream has come true

15. 1. who to talk
2. where to reach out
3. when to text messages
4. what to do to get him back
5. how to break the bad news

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Conversation 4

Situation: Sue asks for some information from Rose

Sue : Rose, ___16___Raggedy Ann?

Rose : Sure! Raggedy Ann is a character in children 's book by Johnny Gruelle. ___17___?

Sue : Well, I don 't read a lot of books.

Rose : Ann is a rag doll with red yarn for hair and a triangle nose. The Writer got the idea from that an old doll he found in an attic that his for his sister.

Sue : ___18___?

Rose : No, a doll was marketed with the book and became quite popular. Then, Raggedy Andy was introduced as her brother. ___19___

Sue : So, have you read Raggedy Andy?

Rose : Yeah, the Writer had a great sense of humor.

Sue : ___20___. Thanks. I'll check them both out.

16. 1. what about
2. what's up with
3. when did you meet
4. how often do you read
5. have you ever heard of

17. 1. Won't you forget it
2. Don't you know it
3. Haven't you got anything to say
4. Wouldn't you care for them
5. Shouldn't you be working

18. 1. Is that all
2. Are you sure
3. Can you get me one
4. Are you telling me
5. Am I to believe you

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19. 1.That's too banal

2. That's out of the question

3. The sequel was a success too

4. He did not see what's coming

5. Somewhere between better and best

20. 1. It's a wrap

2. I need the advice

3. That is quite humorous

4. I do like funny stories

5. Books are interesting

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