

CONSTRUCTING A DIALOGUE

As you are aware, a language is used for performing different functions. You might have learnt how English is used to perform different functions such as greeting people, asking for information, giving information, complaining and apologizing. Please revise those units before reading further.

In the examination, you will be given parts of a dialogue. You will have to construct a dialogue or fill in the blanks. To do this, you must try to find out what the dialogue is about. Is the dialogue between friends or strangers? Is it a formal or informal situation? Imagine yourself in that situation and try to imagine the turn the conversation would probably take in that particular situation.

Lata : Hi Asha!

Asha : Hi Lata!

Lata : Hey, I didn't see you yesterday.

Asha : Yes, there were guests at home yesterday.

Lata : Oh! I see

Asha : I missed the chemistry lessons yesterday. Can I borrow your notes?

Lata : Oh! Yes. Here you are. We have to revise the week's lessons for the test.

The dialogue begins with a greeting between two friends. This is an informal situation. After the greeting, Lata wants to know why Asha was absent on the previous day. Asha provides the reason for this. Asha requests Lata to give her the chemistry notes. Lata agrees to it.

Practice

Fill in the blanks in the following dialogues:

1. Mamata : Yes, we have a double room available. _____

Sneha : Sheha is the name. How much is it ?

Mamata : _____

Sneha : Yes, my mobile number is 1122334455.

Mamata : Ok. We look forward _____

2. Ketan : Hi Harsh, meet my new puppy!

Harsh : What is his name?

Ketan : _____

Harsh : How long have you had it ?

Ketan : _____

Harsh : Can I _____ ?

Ketan : Ofcourse _____

3. Hitesh : Excuse me.

Prasad : Yes, _____

Hitesh : I'm new to the city. Could you tell me _____

Prasad : _____ (just two blocks away.)

_____ (exactly opposite the LIC office.)

Hitesh : Thank you very much! You have been very helpful.

Prasad : _____

4. Shopkeeper : Good morning, sir _____

Customer : Do you _____ ?

Shopkeeper : We have several types of water purifiers and filters. _____

Customer : Yes, I will _____ and decide _____

5. Teacher : You are late to class, Pradeep.
Pradeep : Madam, I _____ The next bus _____
Teacher : In that case, you should _____
Pradeep : _____
6. Raghav : Mom, can I _____?
Mother : Who are the friends with whom _____?
Raghav : _____, we plan to go for the matinee
Mother : Ofcourse, you can _____ But be careful. _____
7. Passenger : Please issue one ticket to _____
Conductor : But this bus _____
Passenger : Oh, is that so? In that case _____
Conductor : You should _____ before boarding _____
8. Naseer : I am a new student of ___ Are you ___?
Sunil : Yes, I too _____
Naseer : Which group _____?
Sunil : CEC group. This College is the first choice _____
9. Rajesh: I am so happy to _____ after _____
Sateesh : Can't believe that six years _____ since we _____
Rajesh : Are you _____ or still _____?
Sateesh : I completed _____ and soon after _____
10. Mr Narayan : Good evening, Mr Datta. We are good friends and neighbours but _____
Mr Datta : Please come in. I know Buji is _____ What _____?
Mr Narayan : He was playing _____ The ball _____
Mr Datta : I am extremely sorry. I _____

11. Passenger : At what time does Chennai Express _____?
Clerk : The one coming from Chennai or _____?
Passenger : The one going _____. Please tell me if it is _____
Clerk : The train is _____. There is a 'Rail Roko' agitation going on
and so _____
12. Father : You have holidays _____. You should _____
Venkat : That's good idea. Perhaps I could _____
Father : There is an institute _____. Go there today and _____
Venkat : I'll _____. These days computer knowledge _____
13. Padm : I forgot to do the home work on prepositions. _____?
Sita : Sir gets very angry _____
Padm : I'm getting Scared._____
Sita : I'll help you. Take out your workbook and _____
14. Customer : Excuse me.
Shopkeeper : Yes, how may _____?
Customer : I purchased this book from _____ yesterday.
Shopkeeper : Is there _____?
Customer : Yes, pages 110 to 128 _____.
Shopkeeper : Oh, is it? May I _____?
Customer : Sure, here it is.
Shopkeeper : Yes, you are right. The pages are missing. I'm very sorry.
Customer : Can you _____?
Shopkeeper : Definitely sir. I'll replace this book with another one.
Customer : Thank you.
15. Anil : Ravi, are you going to the cricket match tomorrow?
Ravi : Yes, _____. What about you ?
Anil : I want to watch the match, but I don't _____

- Ravi : Hey, no problem. I have an _____
- Anil : Really, that's great! How much _____?
- Ravi : Oh, don't bother. you don't have to_____for the ticket.
- Anil : Thanks a lot. That's really nice of you.
16. Suneela : Hi vinitha.
- Vinitha : _____. I didn't see you in college yesterday.
- Suneela : Yes, my mother _____.
- Vinitha : Oh, I'm sorry How is she _____?
- Suneela : She's feeling _____
- Vinitha : Good. The bell has rung, let's_____
- Suneela : Yes, lets go.
17. Arjun : Hi Ashish. How are you ?
- Ashish : Hi Arjun, I'm _____
- Arjun : I'm calling to invite _____
- Ashish : Oh, when _____?
- Arjun : On 2nd June.
- Ashish : where is the party going to be?
- Arjun : At my place. you will come,_____?
- Ashish : Of course, I will.
18. Stranger : Excuse me. Could _____ ?
- Local resident: Yes, how can I help you?
- Stranger : Could you _____ railway station?
- Local resident: Sure. Go _____.
- Stranger : How far is it from here ?
- Local resident: Only a _____.

Stranger : Thank you so much.

Local resident: You're _____.

19. Mohit : Hey Rohit, the inter results are out.
- Rohit : Yes, I know. Did _____ ?
- Mohit : Yes, I did well. I got 88% what_____ ?
- Rohit : Well, I got 75% only. I didn't_____
- Mohit : Yes, Maths I-B was tough.
- Rohit : Anyway, I'm going to _____ in May.
- Mohit : Yes, try to improve your marks. All the best.
- Rohit : _____.
20. Ravi : Saritha, can you come shopping with me ?
- Saritha : What do you _____ ?
- Ravi : I need a new pair _____
- Saritha : Why? Want is wrong with _____?
- Ravi : These slippers have become old and worn out .
- Saritha : Ok. I'll come with you but we must _____. I have to do my homework.
- Ravi : Fine I Won't take long. Thanks for coming with me.
21. Ranjan : Hello Sohail. This is Ranjan.
- Sohail : Hi Ranjan
- Ranjan : What are you doing?
- Sohail : I'm reading _____
- Ranjan : What is the_____ ?
- Sohail : The name of the book is 'The Lost Symbol'.
- Ranjan : Who has the book _____ by?

- Sohail : Dan Brown'.
- Ranjan : Is it _____ ?
- Sohail : Yes, I'll lend_____ if you want.
- Ranjan : Sure, thanks.
22. Ahmed : Hey Shyam, where are_____ ?
- Shyam : I'm coming from the Principal's office.
- Ahmed : Why _____ ?
- Shyam : He called me because I have _____.
- Ahmed : Yes, You were absent for _____ this month.
- Shyam : That's because I was suffering _____.
- Ahmed : Why don't you show him _____ if you have one?
- Shyam : I do. I showed him the medical certificate.
- Ahmed : That's fine then.
23. Usha : _____.
- Teacher : Good morning, Usha. I have not seen _____.
- Usha : Yes ma'am. I was _____
- Teacher : And how are you_____ ?
- Usha : I'm _____
- Teacher : Good come in it is time for our class to start.
- Usha : _____, ma'am.
24. Salesman : Good morning, Sir. Can _____ ?
- Customer : I'm looking for a shirt.
- Salesman : Half sleeves or _____ ?
- Customer : Half sleeves only.
- Salesman : Any Particular _____ ?

Customer : Yes, I prefer white or any light colour.

Salesman : Can I _____?

Customer : Medium.

Salesman : Very well sir. Please come with me.

25. Interviewee : _____, Sir May I _____?

Interviewer : Good morning. Please come in.

Interviewee : Thank You Sir.

Interviewer : Please take _____

Interviewee : Thank you Sir.

Interviewer : May I _____?

Interviewee : My name is Manohar Rao, sir

Interviewer : Want are _____?

Interviewee : I have an M.B.A degree sir.

Interviewer : Any _____?

Interviewee : Yes, Sir, I Worked as a Junior Manager for 2 _____

Interviewer : I See.

26. Sujatha : Mom, could you please buy _____?

Mother : Why? What _____ bag?

Sujatha : It has become _____.

Mother : O.K.I will _____ but on one condition.

Sujatha : What is it?

Mother : You Must _____ in the exams.

Sujatha : Sure Mom! I'll get _____.

Mother : O.K Then I'll buy you _____

27. Neena : Hello Gauri.

Gauri : _____

- Neena : Can _____ your physics notes?
- Gauri : Sure, but _____.
- Neena : I'll definitely return it by Thursday.
- Gauri : Fine, then _____
- Neena : Tanks a lot.
28. Old lady : Excuse me. Young man.
- Youngman : Yes, _____?
- Old lady : Could you _____ the street.
- Youngman : Of course, aunty. Please hold _____
- Old lady : God bless _____ and _____
- Youngman : It was my pleasure.