

## 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:

- 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 \_\_\_\_\_
- 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 \_\_\_\_\_
- 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 : \_\_\_\_\_
- 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 Bujji 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? What 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 : What 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.