

Formal and informal language

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1 Which word or phrase is the most formal? Tick one.

- ☐ distributed ☐ handed round ☐ shared ☐ gave out

2 Which word or phrase is the most formal? Tick one.

- ☐ risked ☐ had a go ☐ attempted ☐ tried

3 Which word or phrase is the most formal? Tick one.

- ☐ reduced ☐ cut ☐ knocked back ☐ brought down

4 Which word or phrase is the most formal? Tick one.

- ☐ sorted out ☐ fixed ☐ set up ☐ arranged

5 Which word or phrase is the most formal? Tick one.

- ☐ told ☐ tipped off ☐ let know ☐ informed

6 Which word or phrase is the most formal? Tick one.

- ☐ made ☐ set up ☐ established ☐ started up

7 Which word or phrase is the most formal? Tick one.

- ☐ asked ☐ begged for ☐ requested ☐ put in for

8 Which word or phrase is the most formal? Tick one.

- ☐ put off ☐ delayed ☐ pushed back ☐ postponed

9 Which word or phrase is the most formal? Tick one.

- ☐ picked up ☐ received ☐ got ☐ grabbed

10 Which word or phrase is the most formal? Tick one.

- ☐ chose ☐ went for ☐ picked out ☐ selected

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11 Which word or phrase is the most formal? Tick one.

- ☐ assisted ☐ pitched in ☐ helped ☐ gave a hand

12 Which word or phrase is the most formal? Tick one.

- ☐ refused ☐ declined ☐ turned down ☐ said no to

13 Which word or phrase is the most formal? Tick one.

- ☐ let ☐ allowed ☐ permitted ☐ was fine with

14 Which word or phrase is the most formal? Tick one.

- ☐ grabbed ☐ bought ☐ purchased ☐ picked up

15 Which word or phrase is the most formal? Tick one.

- ☐ fixed ☐ sorted out ☐ repaired ☐ patched up

16 Which word or phrase is the most formal? Tick one.

- ☐ kicked off ☐ commenced ☐ began ☐ started

17 Which word or phrase is the most formal? Tick one.

- ☐ responded ☐ got back ☐ wrote back ☐ replied

18 Which word or phrase is the most formal? Tick one.

- ☐ needed ☐ had to have ☐ wanted ☐ required

19 Which word or phrase is the most formal? Tick one.

- ☐ watched ☐ clocked ☐ kept an eye on ☐ observed

20 Which word or phrase is the most formal? Tick one.

- ☐ wrapped up ☐ completed ☐ got done ☐ finished

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Mark scheme

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- 2 attempted
- 3 reduced
- 4 arranged
- 5 informed
- 6 established
- 7 requested
- 8 postponed
- 9 received
- 10 selected
- 11 assisted
- 12 declined
- 13 permitted
- 14 purchased
- 15 repaired
- 16 commenced
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- 18 required
- 19 observed
- 20 completed

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