Practical Business English Answer Key

Unit 1

Lesson 1

Self-Assessment

The following are example answers.

- 1. Good morning, Pineapple Tech. Alex speaking. How may I help you?
- 2. Of course. Just a moment, please.
- 3. Hello, Mr. Evans. How may I help you?
- 4. Okay. I can help you with that.

Complete the Sentences

Some questions may have more than one possible answer.

- 1. extension
- 2. hold / hold on
- 3. responsible
- 4. available
- 5. connect / transfer
- 6. a moment

Match the Sentences

- 1. d. Please hold on.
- 2. c. John is responsible for sales.
- 3. e. I'll connect you now.
- 4. b. Why are you calling?
- 5. a. Is Mr. Lee in today?

Conversation A Comprehension Questions

- 1. Marcus Novak from Comville is calling.
- 2. Samantha Williams from Onyx Corp. is answering the phone.
- 3. The caller wants to speak to Michael Brown to check if Mr. Brown received the samples that he sent

Conversation B Comprehension Questions

- 1. The caller wants to speak to the person in charge of Vintec's website.
- 2. The caller wants to help the company set up their new online store.
- 3. Melanie waters is in charge of the website.

Lesson 2

Self-Assessment

The following are example answers.

- 1. I'm sorry, but he is unavailable right now.
- 2. Would you like to leave a message?
- 3. Certainly. I'll give him the message.
- 4. May I have your e-mail address, please?

Complete the Sentences

Some questions may have more than one possible answer.

- 1. contact information
- 2. leave a message
- 3. call me back
- 4. be back / come back
- 5. have / know

Match the Phrases

- 1. d. May I take a message?
- 2. a. He's unavailable right now.
- 3. e. I'll make sure he gets your message.
- 4. b. Let me go over that again.
- 5. c. When can I reach him?

Conversation A Comprehension Questions

- 1. The caller works for Nodecom.
- 2. The caller wants to speak to Laura Brooks.
- 3. The caller wants Alan to tell Laura that she needs to talk to her about the new product.

- 1. The receptionist works for Feedback Consulting.
- 2. The caller wants to speak to Adriana Cook.
- 3. Ms. Cook is in a meeting.

Lesson 3

Self-Assessment

The following are example answers.

- 1. I got a message that you called.
- 2. Are you available to talk right now?
- 3. Thank you for returning my call.
- 4. I'm sorry, but I can't talk right now.

Complete the Sentences

Some questions may have more than one possible answer.

- 1. secretary
- 2. returning your call
- 3. tied up
- 4. interrupt / bother
- 5. a good time to talk

Match the Responses

- 1. b. Yes, I'm available now.
- 2. d. Thank you for calling me back.
- 3. c. It's no problem. How can I help you?
- 4. a. Of course. When should I expect your call?
- 5. e. It's no problem. I was just calling to discuss my offer.

Conversation A Comprehension Questions

- 1. The caller is named Maria Cooper.
- 2. Ashton is in the middle of a meeting.
- 3. After the meeting, Ashton will call Maria back.

Conversation B Comprehension Questions

- 1. Drew called Maya earlier that morning.
- 2. The product comes in red, white, and black.
- 3. The standard price is \$500 per unit.

Lesson 4

Self-Assessment

The following are example answers.

- 1. I'm sorry, but your voice is a little guiet.
- 2. I'm sorry, but I didn't catch that.
- 3. I'm sorry, but my phone battery is almost dead.
- 4. I'm sorry, but I think you have the wrong number.

Complete the Sentences

Some questions may have more than one possible answer.

- 1. Speak up
- 2. catch
- 3. static
- 4. wrong number
- 5. hang up
- 6. dying

Match the Sentences

- 1. c. You're too quiet.
- 2. e. My battery is running low.
- 3. a. I'm losing you.
- 4. b. I didn't understand that.
- 5. d. No one here has that name.

Conversation A Comprehension Questions

- She is calling because she got locked out of the server.
- 2. She repeats herself because Rupert cannot hear or understand what she is saying.
- 3. The correct password is "lawyer1244".

- 1. The caller is in the countryside.
- 2. No, they don't. The caller called the wrong
- 3. The call was disconnected.

Lesson 5

Self-Assessment

The following are example answers.

- 1. Could we meet sometime next week?
- 2. I'm sorry, but I'm busy on Monday morning.
- 3. How about 2pm on Thursday afternoon?
- 4. Sounds good. Let's meet at 10am at your office.

Complete the Sentences

Some questions may have more than one possible answer.

- 1. business lunch
- 2. convenient
- 3. get together
- 4. tied up
- 5. work for you / suit you / be convenient
- 6. drop by / stop by

Match the Responses

- 1. d. I'm available on Monday and Wednesday.
- 2. e. I'm sorry, but I can't make it tomorrow.
- 3. a. Great! See you then.
- 4. c. What about the day after tomorrow?
- 5. b. Sure. Friday works for me.

Conversation A Comprehension Questions

- 1. Ms. Stokes is calling Mr. Terry because she wants to discuss the current project.
- They are going to meet on Friday afternoon at 2pm.
- 3. They are going to meet at Mr. Terry's office.

Conversation B Comprehension Questions

- 1. The speakers seem to be work friends.
- 2. Alan invites Nick to go drinking with him after work.
- Nick is too busy, so they don't make a plan to meet.

Lesson 6

Self-Assessment

The following are example answers.

- 1. I'm afraid that I can't attend the meeting.
- 2. Could we postpone the meeting?
- 3. Could we reschedule the meeting from 9am to 10am?
- 4. I'm sorry for cancelling our appointment.

Complete the Sentences

Some questions may have more than one possible answer.

- 1. the following week
- 2. reschedule / postpone / push back
- 3. last-minute
- 4. sudden change
- 5. take care of
- 6. instead of

Match the Phrases

- 1. c. push back
- 2. a. sudden
- 3. b. say "sorry"
- 4. e. change the day/time
- 5. d. emergency

Conversation A Comprehension Questions

- 1. He is calling to cancel an appointment.
- 2. They haven't decided a new day to meet yet.
- 3. They will reschedule their meeting by e-mail.

- 1. Ms. Scott is Alex's boss or senior colleague.
- 2. He needs to visit their customer.
- 3. They will meet at 2pm.

Lesson 7

Self-Assessment

The following are example answers.

- 1. I'm afraid I'll be late for the meeting.
- 2. Can you still meet with me tomorrow?
- 3. Where can I park?
- 4. Where should I meet you?

Complete the Sentences

Some questions may have more than one possible answer.

- 1. caught in traffic
- 2. train
- 3. station exit
- 4. dress code
- 5. park
- 6. looking forward

Match the Questions and Answers

- 1. d. Yes, I'm just running a little late.
- 2. a. I'll be wearing a blue suit.
- 3. e. There is a parking garage next door.
- 4. c. Yes, my colleague Peter will be joining us.
- 5. b. Please bring a copy of the report.

Conversation A Comprehension Questions

- 1. Madison is checking if Arjun is still coming to the office.
- 2. Arjun missed his train.
- 3. Arjun is bringing some samples to the meeting.

Conversation B Comprehension Questions

- 1. He is calling to ask some questions about his meeting with Ms. Kim.
- 2. He should park in the parking lot next to the main building.
- 3. Ms. Kim will meet Omar in the lobby on the first floor.

Lesson 8

Self-Assessment

The following are example answers.

- 1. I'm going on a business trip tomorrow.
- 2. I'm meeting with a customer next Tuesday.
- 3. I arrive at work at 8am and make a cup of coffee. Then I check my e-mail.
- 4. I work everyday from 9am to 5pm. On Mondays and Wednesdays I go to the gym after work.

Complete the Sentences

Some questions may have more than one possible answer.

- 1. personal assistant
- 2. trade show
- 3. routine
- 4. break
- 5. flexible
- 6. time slot
- 7. a reminder

Match the Questions and Answers

- a. You're meeting with them tomorrow morning.
- 2. d. There is a general meeting in the morning.
- 3. b. There will be a two hour lunch break at noon.
- 4. e. The doors open at 9am.
- 5. c. There is nothing scheduled for this afternoon.

Conversation A Comprehension Questions

- 1. Marcus is Ms. Vance's personal assistant.
- 2. At 4pm, Ms. Vance is going to give a speech at the new employee welcoming ceremony.
- 3. They are going to have lunch.

- 1. She is going on a business trip to Chicago.
- 2. Someone from their Chicago branch will meet her at the arrivals gate of the airport.
- 3. She is going to have a meeting at the factory around 2pm.

Lesson 9

Self-Assessment

The following are example answers.

- 1. I'd like the fish, please.
- 2. I'd like some orange juice, please.
- 3. I have a bottle of wine.
- 4. I'm here on business.

Answer the Questions

Some questions may have more than one possible answer.

- 1. The MA987 Maple Airways flight to Vancouver departs at 16:00.
- 2. The Sunny Airlines flight to New York departs from Gate C12.
- 3. The Cloud Air flight to Tokyo is delayed.
- 4. The flight number of the 2:25pm flight to New York is SU176.
- 5. Maple Airways flight number MA987 is flying to Vancouver.

Conversation A Comprehension Questions

- 1. Because his headset doesn't work.
- 2. Because he is cold.
- 3. The passenger chooses the chicken meal for lunch, and has a soda with ice to drink.

Conversation B Comprehension Questions

- 1. She is traveling on business.
- 2. She declares a bottle of wine.
- 3. No, there aren't any problems.

Lesson 10

Self-Assessment

The following are example answers.

- 1. Yes. It's under the name Taro Suzuki.
- 2. I'd like a non-smoking room, please.
- 3. What floor is the swimming pool on?
- 4. Could I make a restaurant reservation for two people at 6pm tonight, please?

Complete the Sentences

There are many possible answers to this section. Here are some example answers.

- 1. smoking
- 2. an ocean view
- 3. booked
- 4. a balcony
- 5. a gym
- 6. reservation

Conversation A Comprehension Questions

- 1. Yes, she does.
- 2. She is staying at the hotel for two nights.
- 3. The swimming pool is on the third floor.

- 1. He is calling from his room.
- 2. He is calling to complain about his TV.
- 3. The front desk will send someone to Mr. Crowe's room to help him with the TV.

Lesson 11

Self-Assessment

The following are example answers.

- 1. Our office is on Main Street across from the Science Museum.
- 2. My favorite restaurant is downtown near Parkview Station.
- 3. I live south of Tokyo.
- 4. I go to work by subway.

Complete the Sentences

Some questions may have more than one possible answer.

- 1. directions
- 2. Line
- 3. Station
- 4. lost
- 5. arrive
- 6. heading

Match the Questions and Answers

- 1. c. Sure. What are you looking for?
- 2. a. It's between the post office and a bookstore.
- 3. e. Meet me at the top of Exit 2.
- 4. b. It takes about 15 minutes by train and 20 minutes by bus.
- 5. d. The trains run until midnight.

Conversation A Comprehension Questions

- 1. They are at Southfield Station.
- 2. The traveler wants to go to Midtown Station.
- 3. The traveler only needs to transfer once.

Conversation B Comprehension Questions

- 1. The traveler wants to go to the bank.
- 2. The bank is on Greenwood Avenue.
- 3. The traveler needs to turn two times.

Lesson 12

Self-Assessment

The following are example answers.

- 1. How was your trip?
- 2. Please have a seat.
- 3. Would you like a drink?
- 4. There is a restroom over here. Please follow me. I'll show you where it is.

Complete the Sentences

Some questions may have more than one possible answer.

- 1. show you around
- 2. opposite
- 3. vending machine
- 4. Welcome
- 5. down the hall
- 6. refreshments

Match the Words and Definitions

- c. someone who is visiting or travelling to a location
- 2. d. some light food or drinks
- 3. a. someone who welcomes a guest to a location
- 4. b. steps from one floor to another floor
- 5. e. a machine that carries people up and down a building

Conversation A Comprehension Questions

- 1. He is visiting the office to see Tomohiro Matsuda.
- 2. Yes, he does. Mr. Macdonald has an appointment with Mr. Matsuda.
- 3. The receptionist will bring Mr. Macdonald some coffee.

- 1. Yes, they have.
- There is a meeting room next to Mr. Yamazaki's office.
- 3. The storeroom is across from the meeting room.

Practical Business English Answer Key

Unit 4

Lesson 13

Self-Assessment

The following are example answers.

- 1. I really like my company. My colleagues are kind and my boss is helpful.
- 2. I like my phone. It is easy to use and the camera is good.¹
- 3. I disagree. The summer here is too hot. The weather in the winter is more comfortable.
- 4. I agree. I prefer working from home because it saves me a lot of time.

Complete the Sentences

Some questions may have more than one possible answer.

- 1. longer
- 2. bigger
- 3. heavier
- 4. fastest
- 5. tallest
- 6. hottest

Match the Opposites

- 1. fast/faster/fastest -> f. slow/slower/slowest
- 2. heavy/heavier/heaviest -> a. light/lighter/lightest
- 3. long/longer/longest -> e. short/shorter/shortest
- 4. big/bigger/biggest -> b. small/smaller/smallest
- 5. expensive/more expensive/most expensive -> d. cheap/cheaper/cheapest
- 6. difficult/more difficult/most difficult -> c. easy/easier/easiest
- 7. dirty/dirtier/dirtiest -> i. clean/cleaner/cleanest
- 8. high/higher/highest -> g. low/lower/lowest
- 9. weak/weaker/weakest -> h. strong/stronger/strongest

Conversation A Comprehension Questions

- 1. The customer is looking for a new car.
- 2. The salesperson recommends the Jagtex.
- 3. The customer chooses the Swiftus.

- 1. They like how stylish the product is.
- 2. They think the product is too heavy.
- 3. No, he doesn't. He thinks making the product more customizable would be too difficult.

¹ In earlier versions of Practical Business English, this question appears as "What do you think about working from home?" An example answer to this question might be: "I don't like working from home because there are too many distractions."

Practical Business English Answer Key

Unit 4

Lesson 14

Self-Assessment

The following are example answers.

- 1. You should buy an electric car.
- 2. My company should sell computers.
- 3. Me too. I want a two hour lunch break.
- 4. That's a good idea, but I think it is difficult.

Complete the Sentences

The following are example answers.

- 1. A laptop computer is necessary for my job.
- 2. Employees mustn't <u>run</u> in the office.
- 3. Employees must wear a helmet in the factory.
- 4. Employees can play smartphone games during their lunch break.
- 5. To get a promotion, I recommend getting an MBA.
- 6. To increase sales, my company should lower prices.

Match the Sentences

- 1. c. You must wear it.
- 2. d. You can wear it, but it's unnecessary.
- 3. e. You don't have to, but I recommend it.
- 4. b. It is necessary to save energy.
- 5. e. You can study it, but it's unnecessary.

Conversation A Comprehension Questions

- 1. They are discussing the new control panel.
- 2. Speaker B wants to make the screen bigger.
- 3. No. Speaker A thinks that making the screen bigger would be too expensive.

- 1. They are brainstorming ideas for reducing office expenses.
- 2. Speaker B suggests installing automatic lights, and Speaker C suggests switching to a paperless system.
- 3. Everyone agrees to install automatic lights and switch to a paperless system.

Lesson 15

Self-Assessment

The following are example answers.

- 1. Good morning, my name is Steve Johnson and I'm a project manager at Momentum Motors.
- 2. We're here to discuss last year's sales.
- 3. The purpose of today's meeting is to determine next year's sales plan.
- 4. Mr. Suzuki, could you present last year's sales results, please?

Complete the Sentences

Some questions may have more than one possible answer.

- 1. chairperson
- 2. call the roll
- 3. note taker
- 4. unfinished business
- 5. agenda
- 6. item

Opening or Closing?

- 1. opening/closing
- 2. opening
- 3. opening
- 4. opening/closing
- 5. closing
- 6. opening
- 7. closing
- 8. opening
- 9. opening

Conversation A Comprehension Questions

- 1. Teresa Rossi is chairing the meeting.
- 2. They are having a meeting to discuss next year's business plan.
- 3. Ms. Phansawat will speak next.

Conversation B Comprehension Questions

- 1. They agree to open a new factory in Thailand.
- 2. They still need to discuss the production schedule and the customer requirements.
- 3. They will meet again after lunch.

Lesson 16

Self-Assessment

The following are example answers.

- 1. The next item on the agenda is the budget.
- Could we stay focused on the current topic, please?
- 3. Excuse me, but may I ask a question?
- 4. I'm sorry, but could I finish, please?

Complete the Sentences

Some questions may have more than one possible answer.

- 1. move on
- 2. stay on track
- 3. get sidetracked
- 4. interrupt
- 5. just
- 6. topic at hand

Match the Phrases

- 1. e. The next item is the budget.
- 2. a. Can I just comment on that, please?
- 3. b. I apologize for the interruption.
- 4. d. Please don't get sidetracked.
- 5. c. I'm sorry, but I have more to say.

Conversation A Comprehension Questions

- 1. They are having a meeting to discuss their product launch.
- 2. The product launch will be held in Bangkok.
- 3. They will discuss the plan for the product launch.

- 1. They are discussing publicity.
- 2. Sophia interrupts to make a suggestion.
- 3. Ethan thinks that social media is the cheapest and most effective option.

Lesson 17

Self-Assessment

The following are example answers.

- Greetings everyone, my name is Steve Johnson and I'm a project manager at Momentum Motors.
- 2. Today, I'd like to introduce our new car, the Jagtex.
- 3. My presentation has three parts.
- 4. Do you have any questions?

Complete the Sentences

Some questions may have more than one possible answer.

- 1. opening
- 2. overview
- 3. body
- 4. closing
- 5. topic
- 6. audience

Match the Phrases

- 1. f. What to eat
- 2. a. Where to stay
- 3. i. What to see
- 4. g. What to do
- 5. b. How to get there
- 6. e. When to go there
- 7. c. Why to go there
- 8. j. Where to eat
- 9. h. Where to relax
- 10. d. Where to shop

Conversation A Section Labels

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Overview
- 3. Section 1
- 4. Section 2
- 5. Section 3
- 6. Summary
- 7. Conclusion
- 8. Thank Audience
- 9. Invite Questions

Conversation B Comprehension Questions

- 1. The speaker is a product designer named Sonia Shaffer.
- 2. Her presentation is about her company's new product.
- 3. She will talk about the new product's features, how it compares to the competition, and their sales plan.

Lesson 18

Self-Assessment

The following are example answers.

- 1. Please look at this chart.
- 2. This pie chart represents our market share.
- 3. The blue line represents our sales.
- 4. The horizontal line represents time.

Complete the Sentences

Some questions may have more than one possible answer.

- 1. line graph
- 2. pie chart
- 3. segment
- 4. dotted
- 5. horizontal axis
- 6. vertical axis

Match the Key Points

- 1. c. that company has the biggest market share
- 2. d. that is when we had the most sales
- 3. a. our sales are increasing
- 4. e. our sales decreased
- 5. b. those products are equally popular

Conversation A Section Labels

- 1. Draw the audience's attention
- 2. Introduce the chart
- 3. Explain the parts
- 4. Highlight key points
- 5. Explain the meaning

Conversation A Comprehension Questions

- 1. The speakers work for a food company.
- 2. The company's most popular product is pie.
- 3. The presenter suggests spending more money on advertising their other products.

Conversation B Section Labels

- 1. Draw the audience's attention
- 2. Introduce the chart
- 3. Explain the parts
- 4. Highlight key points
- 5. Explain the meaning

- The vertical axis represents revenue in millions of dollars.
- 2. The horizontal axis represents time by month.
- 3. Because most of their frozen treat sales are in the summer.

Lesson 19

Self-Assessment

The following are example answers.

- 1. The project is on schedule.
- 2. We have finished testing the product.
- 3. We have started production.
- 4. We plan to release the product next month.

Complete the Sentences

Some questions may have more than one possible answer.

- 1. Gantt
- 2. delay
- 3. behind schedule
- 4. catch up
- 5. deadline
- 6. expect

Is it finished?

- 1. completed
- 2. in progress
- 3. scheduled
- 4. scheduled
- 5. completed
- 6. in progress

Conversation A Comprehension Questions

- 1. They are building a new office building.
- 2. Because there was a big typhoon that caused a lot of damage.
- 3. They are late with the walls, roof, wiring and plumbing.

Conversation B Comprehension Questions

- 1. No, it isn't. The project is on schedule.
- 2. They plan to finish setting up the production line by mid-July.
- 3. Their next step after setting up the production line is manufacturing the product.

Lesson 20

Self-Assessment

The following are example answers.

- 1. Do you have a question, Mr. Henshaw?
- 2. That's a good question, Mr. Henshaw.
- 3. Could you explain that pie chart again, please?
- 4. What does the blue line on the line graph represent?

Match the Questions and Answers

- d. We believe we can sell 1 million in the first year.
- 2. g. We plan to spend \$10 million.
- 3. I. Can I get back to you on that after the presentation?
- 4. e. It shows market share.
- 5. f. It shows the parts of the machine.
- 6. c. When will you release the product?
- 7. a. Please, go ahead.
- 8. j. Please turn to page 10 of the handout.
- 9. b. May I ask a question?
- 10. k. It shows our competitor's sales.
- 11. i. Sure. One moment, please.
- 12. Okay. I'll send them to you by e-mail.

Conversation A Comprehension Questions

- 1. I think it was a sales and marketing presentation.
- 2. They don't discuss the target customer.
- 3. The presenter doesn't have the distribution plan information right now.

- The bar graph shows the number of units sold last year for their top three most popular products.
- 2. The line graph shows sales revenue.
- 3. The pie chart shows market share.

Lesson 21

Self-Assessment

The following are example answers.

- 1. I could work on Saturday if I could take Friday off.
- 2. I'll set up the meeting room if you give the presentation.
- 3. Yes, I can agree to that. / I'm sorry, but I can't agree to that.
- 4. Okay. I can agree with that. / I'm sorry, but I can't work more overtime.

Complete the Sentences

Some questions may have more than one possible answer.

- 1. propose
- 2. terms
- 3. priority
- 4. offer
- 5. accept
- 6. compromise

Match the Function

- 1. c. accept a proposal
- 2. a. make a proposal
- 3. b. agree with conditions
- 4. e. reject a proposal
- 5. d. make a counterproposal

Conversation A Comprehension Questions

- 1. The speakers live together.
- 2. They are discussing how to divide up their chores.
- 3. James agrees to wash the dishes and clean the bathroom. Dan agrees to cook, vacuum, and do the laundry.

Conversation B Comprehension Questions

- 1. Mr. Coleman is Ms. Mitchel's employer.
- They are negotiating Ms. Mitchel's employment contract.
- 3. They agree to a 10% salary increase, 5 more vacation days, and reducing her overtime work from 20 hours a month to 10 hours a month.

Lesson 22

Self-Assessment

The following are example answers.

- 1. Does everyone know each other?
- 2. The purpose of this negotiation is to decide the terms of the new contract.
- 3. I hope we can reach an agreement that everyone is happy with.
- I'm very happy with the agreement we've reached.

Complete the Sentences

Some questions may have more than one possible answer.

- 1. mutually beneficial
- 2. finalize
- 3. partnership
- 4. both parties
- 5. commitment/duration
- 6. long-term/mutually beneficial

Opening or Closing?

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Conversation A Comprehension Questions

- 1. Foster Carlile is hosting the negotiation.
- 2. This is Mr. White's first time meeting Ms. Brooks.
- 3. The purpose of the negotiation is to discuss a parts order.

- 1. Mr. White agreed to order 1000 units at \$20 per unit, delivered within 3 months of payment.
- 2. They will finalize the contract later that week.
- He will ask his company's legal department to contact Mr. White.

Lesson 23

Self-Assessment

The following are example answers.

- 1. We can offer a 20% discount on orders over 1000 units.
- 2. We require a two year commitment.
- 3. We need some time to consider the offer.
- 4. We are not willing to compromise on quality.

Complete the Sentences

Some questions may have more than one possible answer.

- 1. requirements
- 2. maximum
- 3. well-known
- 4. advantage
- 5. adjourn
- 6. halfway

Match the Responses

- 1. d. We want a 10% pay raise.
- 2. a. We are the biggest paper company in Europe.
- 3. b. Would you accept 20%?
- 4. c. We'll need more time to consider your offer.
- 5. e. What about on delivery date?

Conversation A Comprehension Questions

- 1. Mr. Beck is the customer and Ms. Collins represents a supplier.
- 2. The pellets are very high quality.
- 3. No. Mr. Beck needs more time to consider the offer.

Conversation B Comprehension Questions

- 1. The union wants 10 days of paid sick leave, the option to work remotely for all workers, 6 weeks of paid vacation, and a 10% salary increase.
- 2. The company offers 10 days of paid sick leave, the option to work remotely for all workers, 4 weeks of paid vacation, and a 2% salary increase.
- 3. They are going to take a one hour break.

Lesson 24

Self-Assessment

The following are example answers.

- 1. Did you review the proposal we sent you?²
- We can offer up to a 20% discount on large orders.
- 3. We can deliver within 3 months.
- 4. We can offer a shipping refund on late deliveries.

Complete the Sentences

Some questions may have more than one possible answer.

- 1. comment on
- 2. flexible
- 3. assurances
- 4. position
- 5. handle
- 6. concerns

Match the Questions and Answers

- 1. e. Yes, that's fine.
- 2. c. Yes, we did, and we have some concerns about timing.
- 3. d. That's right. Would it be possible to get a discount?
- 4. b. I'm afraid we can't move the deadline.
- 5. a. We'd like to pay 50% up-front and 50% on fulfillment.

Conversation A Comprehension Questions

- 1. They are discussing a partnership deal.
- 2. Speaker B suggests adding the production schedule.
- Momentum Motors would build the vehicles and Solaris Power would produce the solar panels.

- 1. Yes, Speaker A thinks that the price is too high.
- 2. Solaris Power can start production right away.
- 3. Momentum Motors will do regular inspections of Solaris Power's factory.

² In earlier versions of Practical Business English, this question appears as "Did you review the proposal we sent you?" An example answer to this question might be: "Yes, we did, but we have some questions."