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## Expression Swap

**Directions:** Read each sentence carefully. Rewrite it by replacing the **formal phrase** with a **casual expression**, or change the **casual expression** into a more **formal phrase**. Be sure the meaning stays the same!

1. I must **retire for the evening** because I have an early meeting tomorrow.  
→ \_\_\_\_\_
2. Don't **beat around the bush**—just tell me what happened!  
→ \_\_\_\_\_
3. I regret to inform you that I **made an error** on the form.  
→ \_\_\_\_\_
4. My brother said the movie was **a piece of cake**, but I didn't think so.  
→ \_\_\_\_\_
5. Please remain calm and **maintain your composure** during the discussion.  
→ \_\_\_\_\_
6. I think we should **call it a day** since we've been working for hours.  
→ \_\_\_\_\_
7. The results of the game were **completely unexpected**.  
→ \_\_\_\_\_
8. I'm sorry, but I must **decline your offer** this time.  
→ \_\_\_\_\_
9. When our plan didn't work, we decided to **go back to the drawing board**.  
→ \_\_\_\_\_
10. I'm thrilled that you finally **spilled the beans** about the surprise trip!  
→ \_\_\_\_\_