

## Expression Swap Answer Key

### Sample Responses

1. I have to **go to bed** because I have an early meeting tomorrow.
2. Don't **avoid the point**—just tell me what happened!
3. I'm sorry, but I **messed up** on the form.
4. My brother said the movie was **very easy**, but I didn't think so.
5. Please stay calm and **keep cool** during the discussion.
6. I think we should **stop working for today** since we've been at it for hours.
7. The results of the game were **a real shocker**.
8. I'm sorry, but I'll have to **turn you down** this time.
9. When our plan didn't work, we decided to **start over**.
10. I'm thrilled that you finally **told the secret** about the surprise trip!

### Teacher's Guide

- **Tone Warm-Up:** Write a formal sentence on the board (e.g., "I will retire for the evening") and ask students to make it sound more casual. Then reverse the process.
- **Context Clues:** Discuss when formal or casual speech fits best (e.g., writing an email to a teacher vs. texting a friend).
- **Pair Activity:** Have students exchange their rewritten sentences and identify which version sounds more formal or casual.
- **Differentiation:**
  - Provide a list of common formal/casual pairs for students who need extra support.
  - Challenge advanced learners to create their own short paragraph and rewrite it entirely in the opposite tone.
- **Extension Idea:** Hold a "Formality Flip" challenge—students draw a random situation (e.g., job interview, texting a friend) and rewrite an expression to match the setting's tone.