

## Keep It Casual Answer Key

### Sample Responses

1. The teacher asked us to **hand in** our reports by Monday.
2. I need to **look into** this strange noise coming from the basement.
3. Please **put out** the candles before you leave the room.
4. They decided to **call off** the field trip due to bad weather.
5. The company plans to **take on** more staff next quarter.
6. The doctor told me to **cut down on** sugar.
7. Our team plans to **carry on with** the project next semester.
8. He promised to **drop by** his grandparents during the holidays.
9. The manager will **put off** the meeting until next week.
10. I won't **put up with** your behavior any longer if you keep interrupting me.

### Teacher's Guide

- **Skill Focus:** Replacing formal verbs with **phrasal verbs** to improve **conversational fluency** and **register awareness**.
- **Grade Range:** Designed for Grades 8-11 but adaptable for upper middle school or adult learners.

### Teaching Tips:

- Start by discussing how **tone and formality** shift between spoken and written English.
- Model one transformation (e.g., *submit* → *hand in*) and explain how phrasal verbs sound **more natural in everyday conversation**.
- Have students work in pairs to brainstorm **multiple phrasal options** for one sentence-some verbs have several correct alternatives.
- Encourage students to read their rewritten sentences **aloud** to practice natural phrasing and rhythm.