



## HOW TO ANSWER SITUATIONAL RESPONSE QUESTIONS

### KURAL 1:

**Durumda verilen zarflara (adverbs) dikkat edilmelidir.**

Durumda verilen zarflar sizin cevabınızın nasıl bir tonda olması gerektiğini gösterir ve işaretleyeceğiniz cevabın bu tonu taşıması gerekir. Örneğin, politely, furiously, insistently, bravely, delightfully, honestly, optimistically...

### Situation:

**One of your neighbors invites you over for a drink, but you have things to do, so you politely turn down the invitation by saying: ----**

- A) Sorry, but I don't like spending time with you.  
B) Thanks for your invitation, but I have a few urgent errands.

### KURAL 3:

**Hangi amaçla cevap verileceğine dikkat edilmelidir.**

Verilen durumda hangi amaç doğrultusunda cevap vermeniz gerektiği belirtilmiş olabilir. Bu tarz durumlarda, işaretleyeceğiniz cevap mutlaka o amaca uygun olmalıdır.

To (in order to) express your worries about her decision, you say:

To (in order to) apologize to him for what you did yesterday, you say:

To (in order to) defend your rights, you say:

### Situation:

**Your brother is about to give up learning to play the piano as he hasn't been able to make much progress so far. You know it requires some time and practice. In order to encourage him, you say:**

- A) Everyone who wants to learn to play the piano experiences the same situation, but the ones who never quit succeed in the end.  
B) Hand-eye coordination is needed for playing the piano, and it seems that yours is not good enough.

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### KURAL 2:

**<<by>> ve <<without>> yapılarına dikkat edilmelidir.**

Nasıl cevap vermeniz gerektiği bazen zarflar aracılığıyla verilirken bazen de <<by>> ve <<without>> yapılarıyla verilir. Bu tarz durumlarda, bu yapıları göz önünde bulundurarak işaretleme yapmanız gerekir.

... **by** giving an excuse.

... **by** explaining the effects it will bring.

... **without** offending him.

... **without** discouraging her.

### Situation:

**Your best friend says that she wants to resign from her job claiming it's too demanding. You try to dissuade her from doing something like that by stating how difficult it could be to find another one these days, so you say:**

- A) If I were in your shoes, I wouldn't resign from a job like that no matter what.  
B) Finding a job is much harder nowadays, so I would rather you kept that job.



(1-15. sorularda, verilen durumda söylenmiş olabilecek sözü bulunuz.)

1. **You are on a trip with a group of friends in a minibus. As you are going down a country road, the minibus breaks down. You are in a very remote area, and your mobile phones cannot get a signal. Your friends, therefore, start to panic. To calm them down, you say: ----**
- A) I wish someone on this minibus knew how to fix the engine.
- B) If one of us calls a garage, they'll send someone out here to take a look at our van.
- C) There is nothing much to worry about; I'm sure a car will come down this road soon. When it does, we'll stop it and ask its driver for help.
- D) The last time the minibus broke down, we had to wait for help for hours in the darkness.
- E) The noises the minibus is making sound frightening. Still, I'm sure there isn't anything wrong with it.

3. **One of your friends comes up and asks you to lend him your new video camera for the weekend. You are sure that he will damage it as he is very careless with such gadgets. Therefore, you kindly turn him down, saying: ----**

- A) You must be kidding me because you damage electronic things very often.
- B) I'd agree if you promised to buy a new one in case of any damage.
- C) If I were you, I wouldn't spend so much Money on a video camera.
- D) I'd love to, but I am going to need it myself at the weekend.
- E) I still regret having let you use my video camera the last time.

4. **Your friend has been dealing with a serious problem for a few months. He has only just resolved it and is feeling relieved that it's over. He has just told you about it for the first time. You are pleased to hear that he is okay now, but you are upset that he kept it from you, instead of sharing it when he was living through it. So, you say to him: ----**

- A) You ought to have told me about this much earlier; I could have tried to help you.
- B) I am glad you didn't mention it to me. I couldn't have done anything to help you.
- C) If you have a problem with me right now, you should tell me about it.
- D) It's no use telling me about it. There is nothing I can do for you.
- E) I think it is important that you deal with your difficulties on your own.

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5. **Your friends have invited you to a concert; however, you have already made plans with your grandmother to go shopping for an upcoming special occasion. So, you tactfully decline their offer by saying: ----**

- A) Sure, as soon as I finish shopping with my grandmother, I'll be at the concert hall. See you all there!
- B) Thanks for the invitation guys, but I've promised my grandma that I'd help out with some shopping as we have a party coming up.
- C) I'd rather spend the day with my grandmother shopping than go see a concert with you. It just doesn't sound fun to me.
- D) I'm afraid I'll have to pass. I've promised my grandma that we'd hang out together and then see a concert.
- E) I can't believe my favourite singer is in town. Can I also bring my grandma to the concert?

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6. You accidentally discover that your daughter has broken your favourite vase and is hiding this fact from you. You consider this an opportunity to talk to her about honesty, and pointing at the broken pieces you have found in one of the drawers, you say to her: ----

- A) I'm sorry for the vase, but I'm more worried about your not telling me about it. You should know that I value honesty more than anything else.
- B) If I made a mistake, I would never confess the truth to my parents. I think you should do the same.
- C) I think there is nothing wrong with telling small lies sometimes. I do it too.
- D) You have broken my most precious vase, so don't expect to get away with punishment just because you were open with me.
- E) Thank you for being honest and telling me that it was you who broke my vase. That's the proper behaviour I'd expect from my daughter.

7. A friend of yours is planning to move abroad, and she is sure that she can adapt to a totally new culture in no time. However, knowing her well, you know that this is not the case. In order to get her to reconsider her decision, you say: ----

- A) I respect your independence, and we needn't argue over such a trivial matter.
- B) I really envy you. You have such an independent mind.
- C) I'd think twice if I were you. If you make a hasty decision, you may live to regret it.
- D) Just take it easy, okay? There's no need for you to feel stressed out.
- E) I might have given you some advice if you had notified me in advance.

8. A close friend of yours has just bought a silk tie. However, it doesn't suit him at all. He asks you what you think, and you think that telling the truth will not work. However, you also realize that you cannot lie very well. So, you tactfully say: ----

- A) You know what? You needn't have bought it as I could have given you my grandfather's tie, instead.
- B) You'd look amazing with that tie on if it weren't extremely old-fashioned.
- C) I do admire your trust in your taste although I can't see any reason why you are so confident.
- D) No matter what you put on, it looks good on you, but I'm afraid that the material may be a little too conventional.
- E) Sorry to say this, but I'm afraid you have picked the most ridiculous tie you could ever choose.

9. You have an important exam early tomorrow and need to revise a few lists before leaving for school. You must be up an hour before the usual time. So in case you fail to hear the alarm, you say to your mother: ----

- A) Mum, I still need to revise for a few things, so I will have to go to bed a bit late tonight.
- B) My alarm does not ring loud enough. That's why I couldn't hear it this morning.
- C) You should have woken me earlier, Mum. I told you I can't hear the alarm.
- D) Mum, will you please wake me up tomorrow? I do not want to be late again as I can't possibly hear the alarm.
- E) Could you please make sure I get up an hour earlier tomorrow, Mum?

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10. You unexpectedly have a free weekend and you heard that a friend has an exhibition of her paintings at a café. You are eager to go and you invite your best friend to join you. He says he does not like such activities. So you say to express your disappointment: ----

- A) Even if you didn't like the idea of an exhibition, you could at least join me just to make me happy. I felt excited about it.
- B) I enjoyed it a lot when I last went there. She is a great artist. I think we should give it a try.
- C) I'm so indecisive about it. What do you think we should do then if we don't go to the exhibition?
- D) I obviously chose a wrong activity for us. It'll be a total waste of time. What can we do instead?
- E) I've been meaning to go to this exhibition for weeks and you know it. Why do you always

11. Your friend, Kaan, says he is going to the airport to catch the first plane to Izmir as he has a job interview in a big business company there at 4 pm. However, he is not sure if he can get a seat as the flight may be fully booked. You criticize him for not having booked a seat in advance by saying: ----

- A) You might as well fly tomorrow then. I don't see any point in rushing a trip like this.
- B) How could you be so negligent? You should have made a reservation ahead of time.
- C) Too bad you didn't book one? Anyway, I am happy to hear that you have been offered the job.
- D) No need to worry. You can get a business seat in the worst case.
- E) Why don't you ask them to postpone the interview since you are not very likely to get a seat on this flight?

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12. A friend of yours borrowed some money from you a really long time ago and still has not paid you back. You are really close friends and you think he has simply forgotten. You don't want to upset him but want to make him understand that you now need the money, so you say: ----

- A) You always do this. You're constantly asking for money but you never pay it back. I always have to remind you of it.
- B) Please pay back the money you borrowed as soon as possible. Otherwise, I'll hire a lawyer and take you to court!
- C) Remember I lent you some money a while ago? Don't you think it's time you paid it back? It's been ages!
- D) I hate to bring this up, but I don't think I'll be able to afford my expenses this month. So, is it possible for you to return the money you borrowed soon?
- E) Do you remember when I lent you that money? It's been so long, and I don't think I need it back anymore. So, don't worry about it.

14. One of your relatives has already asked you to babysit her children three weekends in a row. You've started thinking that she is taking advantage of you, so when she asks you the fourth time, you reject and say: ----

- A) It's about time you found a more permanent solution regarding your children.
- B) You should know that this is the last time I agree to babysit your children. Don't ever ask me again.
- C) I'll look after your children this weekend only if you promise to do me a favour in return.
- D) I'm considering talking about this situation with your children because I need to work on weekends.
- E) Please remember that I'm your best friend, and will do anything I can to make life easier for you.

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13. Your sister has gone off to university to study psychology. She has been there for half a year, and she tells you on the phone that she realizes she isn't interested in psychology. She has also done badly in her midterm exams. She says she is thinking of changing her major from psychology to something else and asks what you think. You also think that it is the right thing to do and support her by saying: ----

- A) You ought to as you'll work better if you are studying something you like.
- B) Would you consider doing such a thing if you had done better in your midterm exams?
- C) I think it's better if you stick to psychology, as your next year will probably be better than this one.
- D) It's of no concern to me what you do. You have to decide on your own.
- E) In my opinion, you should never have gone to university in the first place.

15. You're in the middle of an important meeting when suddenly your phone starts ringing. Your boss looks at you angrily. Embarrassed, you quickly make up an excuse and say to the boss: ----

- A) How do you like my new dial tone?
- B) Sorry, but I had to leave it on because I was expecting a very important call from my lawyer.
- C) I know I should have turned it off before going into the meeting. I'm terribly sorry.
- D) I'd better answer it. Otherwise, he'll accuse me of being impolite.
- E) It must be somebody else's mobile. I clearly remember turning mine off.



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