

**One suggestion how to apply the knowledge from the study of pragmatics in the (future) teaching profession:**

**Complete the conversations. (A2 level)**

1. Can you help me find my glasses?  
A It's too much.  
B That's not right.  
C Where did you lose them?
2. Why don't we play a board game?  
A Yes, it is.  
B Sorry, I can't right now.  
C I'm sorry I broke your skateboard.
3. Would you like something to drink?  
A Yes, please.  
B Me, too.  
C What a pity!
4. Have you seen the new adventure film?  
A He watched it last night.  
B No, but I'd like to.  
C I didn't see you yesterday.
5. I met a famous actor yesterday!  
A Good idea!  
B I hope so!  
C Really? Fantastic!
6. How many people are coming?  
A I don't know them.  
B Nearly all of it.  
C Not many.
7. It rained all day yesterday.  
A What do you think?  
B I expect it will.  
C Did you stay at home, then?
8. Which one are you going to choose?  
A Oh, not again!  
B Yes, probably.  
C I can't decide.

**Complete the conversations. (B2 level)**

1. W: That was an excellent talk, wasn't it?  
P: Yes ... yes, most informative.  
W: Do you fancy chatting about it over a coffee?  
P: A I thought it was excellent too.  
B Sorry, I'd rather have a coffee.  
C Sorry, I really must be on my way now.
2. P: When's the interview?  
W: Tomorrow at three. I'm really nervous.  
P: Don't worry. Everything will be fine.  
W: A I don't deny it.  
B I'm not so sure.  
C I really like that.
3. P: Excuse me – was that Doctor Jones I saw coming in?  
W: Yes, I think so.  
P: Can I go in now then?  
W: A No, he'll call you when he's ready.  
B Yes, he did go in, didn't he?  
C Yes, he'll ring you tomorrow.
4. P: I can't imagine what's happened to him.  
W: He's usually so punctual.  
P: He's probably missed the train.  
W: A That's for the next time.  
B That's ten minutes away.  
C That's not like him at all.
5. P: Where did you say you last saw it?  
W: Well, I think it was on Paul's desk.  
P: Well, there's a big blue file here ...  
W: A Oh, no, I don't want it.  
B Great, that's the one.  
C No, it's a blue one.
6. P: I'm afraid Mr Brown isn't in yet.  
W: But are you expecting him?  
P: Oh yes, he's usually here by now.  
W: A Do you expect to see him?  
B I'll try again later, then.  
C He's usually late, then?

**KEY:**

**A2 level** – 1.C, 2.B, 3.A, 4.B, 5.C, 6.C, 7.C, 8.C

**B2 level** – 1.C, 2.B, 3.A, 4.C, 5.B, 6.B

In both exercises, students are assigned to choose the best reply to each sentence following the principle of turn-taking (adjacency pairs). This kind of activity is very often practised as preparation for an international language exam, e.g. LanguageCert International ESOL.