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Letters of application

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- 1. Dear _____,
- a) Wood
- b) Mr John Wood
- c) John
- d) Mr Wood

2. I am writing to ______ whether you have any vacancies in your company.

- a) find out
- b) enquire
- c) ask you
- d) know
- **3.** I am writing ______ your advertisement in the newspaper.
- a) to reply
- b) answering
- c) in response to
- d) to answer

4. ______ a copy of my CV for more detailed information about my work experience.

- a) Please read
- b) Please find enclosed
- c) I have put in
- d) I send you

5. As you can see from my enclosed CV, my experience and qualifications match this position's ______ very well.

- a) requirements
- b) needs
- c) wants
- d) conditions

6. ______ additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

- a) Would you require
- b) If you want
- c) Should you require
- d) Do you require

ANSWERS:

- 1. Dear _____,
- a) Wood You must use the person's title.
- b) Mr John Wood Do not use the person's first name.
- c) John Using the person's first name only is too informal.
- d) Mr Wood This is the correct answer. Use the title and the surname at the beginning of formal letters.
- **2.** I am writing to ______ whether you have any vacancies in your company.
- a) find out Although the grammar is correct, the style is slightly too informal. It is better to avoid phrasal verbs if possible.

b) enquire – Correct!

- c) ask you Although the grammar is correct, the style is slightly too informal.
- d) know This is not the correct answer.
- **3.** I am writing ______ your advertisement in the newspaper.
- a) to reply This is not the correct answer.
- b) answering This is not the correct answer.
- c) in response to This is the correct answer. Well done!
- d) to answer This is not the usual phrase used.
- **4.** ______ a copy of my CV for more detailed information about my work experience.
- a) Please read Although the grammar is correct, the style is too direct.

b) Please find enclosed - Right!

- c) I have put in Although the grammar is correct, the style is too informal. Avoid using phrasal verbs in formal letters if possible.
- d) I send you This is not the correct phrase.

- As you can see from my enclosed CV, my experience and qualifications match this position's ______ very well.
- a) requirements Right!
- b) needs 'Needs' doesn't collocate (or go with) 'requirements' in a formal business letter.
- c) wants This isn't the correct answer. Try again.
- d) conditions 'Conditions' doesn't collocate (or go with) 'requirements' in a formal business letter.
- 6. ______ additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.
- a) Would you require One of these words is wrong.
- b) If you want Although the grammar is correct, the style is slightly too informal.
- c) Should you require Correct!
- d) Do you require This is not the correct phrase. This sentence is not a question.

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