

Exercise # 1
Reference Interview Scenarios

Part A

1. You got a parking ticket you don't think you deserve and you want to find out if there is anything you can do to fight it.

Your opening line: Where are your law books?

2. You need to find out the closing price of Coca Cola stock on June 13, 1992.

Your opening line: Do you have back issues of the Wall Street Journal?

3. You are looking for literary criticism on James Joyce.

Your opening line: Where are your encyclopedias?

4. You are a student and your assignment is to write an essay on a natural disaster in China.

Your opening line: I want information on earthquakes.

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Part B

5. You are looking for biographical material on B.F. Skinner for a paper you are writing for your beginning psychology class.

Your opening line: What is the call number for books on psychology?

6. You are looking for the names of local experts on AIDS for an interview in your high school newspaper.

Your opening line: What do you have on AIDS?

7. You're having a problem with some type of bug eating your corn plants. You want to get rid of them, but you want the corn to be safe to eat.

Your opening line: What do you have on insects?

8. You are a young woman helping her father by looking for the name of an author whose mysteries are all set in National Parks. The only other thing your father can recall is that he thinks the author might be named after a state.

Your opening line: Do you have any mysteries that take place in National Parks?