

## 4 Decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.

## Say one thing, mean another

Do you ever get annoyed by people who say one thing but mean another? For example, they might say, 'That's very kind of you, (1) ..... come,' when you (2) ..... them to the cinema, but really all the time they are thinking of an (3) ..... so they can avoid going out with you. People who ask for (4) ..... can also be irritating. They say things like 'What do you think I (5) ..... do?' but then they don't listen to what you tell them. Others seem to have already made up their minds in any case, because they don't even wait for any advice and just answer their own questions! This really gets on my nerves, but it's not the only problem. When people try to (6) ....., some of them can be very annoying too. For example, let's say that someone has a / an (7) ..... to make. They want you to open a door for them, and they say '(8) ....., but could you (9) ..... open the door for me?' I don't see why people can't be more direct. Why shouldn't they just say '(10) ..... open the door?' or something like that? I've tried this a few times, but people either look annoyed, or they don't do what I ask them to. I can't understand why!

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| 1 A do you        | B can you         | C I'd love to | D let me        |
| 2 A invite        | B go              | C take        | D request       |
| 3 A excuse        | B invitation      | C offer       | D apology       |
| 4 A information   | B permission      | C directions  | D advice        |
| 5 A might         | B should          | C have to     | D could         |
| 6 A be polite     | B disagree        | C apologize   | D greet         |
| 7 A problem       | B apology         | C request     | D permission    |
| 8 A How do you do | B Congratulations | C Excuse me   | D I quite agree |
| 9 A really        | B completely      | C awfully     | D possibly      |
| 10 A Do you       | B Can you         | C Must you    | D Didn't you    |