ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Social Life Vocabulary Quiz: Rapport, Small Talk, Etiquette

English Vocabulary Tests · 15 questions · Online test and questions PDF:
https://englishtestsonline.com/social-life-vocabulary-quiz-rapport-small-talk-etiquette/

1	**A**	2	**B**	3	**C**	4	**D**	5	**A**	6	**B**	7	**C**	8	**D**	9	**A**	10	**B**
11	**C**	12	**D**	13	**A**	14	**B**	15	**C**										

Explanations

1. I don’t know Carla well; she’s just an ___ from my Spanish class.
✔ **A) acquaintance**
An acquaintance is someone you know a little, but not a friend.

2. At the wedding, the bride’s parents walked round the tables to ___ with the guests.
✔ **B) mingle**
You mingle when you move round a party and chat to different groups.

3. Which verb is about meeting people who could help your career?
✔ **C) network**
You network to make useful work contacts; you socialise for fun.

4. Taxi drivers often ___ about the weather and the traffic.
✔ **D) make small talk**
The collocation is make small talk, with no article.

5. The nurse ___ the nervous boy ___ by letting him play with her pen.
✔ **A) put … at ease**
To put someone at ease is to make a nervous person feel relaxed.

6. The new manager quickly built a good ___ with her team.
✔ **B) rapport**
You build a rapport with someone when you understand each other easily. Report is a different word.

7. The invitation says I can bring a ___, so would you like to come with me?
✔ **C) plus-one**
A plus-one is the one extra guest your invitation allows.

8. At a Japanese tea ceremony, ___ tells you which way to turn the bowl.
✔ **D) etiquette**
Etiquette is the set of rules for polite behaviour. A label is the piece of paper on a product.

9. At a British dinner party, starting to eat before the host sits down is a small ___.
✔ **A) faux pas**
A faux pas is a social mistake that breaks an unwritten rule.

10. Telling your host that her food is “interesting” might ___ her; it’s a bit ___.
✔ **B) offend … tactless**
Offend means hurt someone’s feelings; tactless words are true but hurtful.

11. It’s nearly midnight, and they look tired. Let’s go before we ___.
✔ **C) overstay our welcome**
To overstay your welcome is to stay so long that your hosts want you to leave.

12. After the divorce, my parents are still ___ terms.
✔ **D) on good**
The phrase is on good terms (with someone): no anger between you.

13. My two cousins met at the climbing wall and got on like a ___.
✔ **A) house on fire**
Get on like a house on fire means like each other at once. The words never change.

14. Our neighbour ___: he isn’t rude, just private. My own ___ is small: four old school friends.
✔ **B) keeps himself to himself … social circle**
Keep yourself to yourself: polite but private. Your social circle is the people you spend free time with.

15. Since we moved to the village, we ___ with the neighbours at the pub every Friday.
✔ **C) socialise**
Socialise (US socialize) means spend free time with people for fun. You network for your career.