

Exercise #6
Practice Coaching with the MRB Checklist

Part A

1. You are a college sophomore who is working on a paper on the effects of terrorism on children. You have been told by your instructor that you need to use material from at least four scholarly sources. Web sources are okay, as long as they are authoritative, and you want to include at least two, but you don't really know how to tell if they are acceptable.

Your opening line: Where are your journals?

2. You are a six-year-old who is trying to find a book a friend told you about a class with a really mean substitute teacher you think might be named Swamp.

Your opening line: Can you find me a book with a witch in it?

3. You are a commuter who loves to listen to audio books. You have a CD player but not a tape player. You'd especially like to find a copy of *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*.

Your opening line: Where are your Books on Tape?

4. You are looking for a copy of *Gone with the Wind*. You're not very familiar with the catalog, but you found a listing for the book and a number that goes with it.

Your opening line: How do I find a book using this number: 0446675539?

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Part B

5. You are working on a literature assignment. You've heard your library has e-books, and you want to be able to set up an account so you can read T.S. Eliot's the Four Quartets, and be able to cut and paste text from the work into your paper as you discuss it. You'd also like to be able to get a list of the e-books available through your local library.

Your opening line: How do I go about reading a book online?

6. Your spouse of thirty years has just been diagnosed with Crohn's disease. You want to know about the medicines used to treat it, if there are any alternative treatments for it and if there are any support groups in the area. The whole thing is kind of embarrassing, and you'd rather not say too much about it.

Your opening line: Where is your medical section?

7. You are a high school junior with an assignment to write a paper on the Russian-American immigrant experience. You need some narratives, some statistics and some background on the history of immigration from Russia to the US back to the 18th and 19th centuries.

Your opening line: Where are your books on Russian history?

8. You are working with PowerPoint for the first time, modifying a presentation someone else has put together. You want something basic, easy to use and quick-- you have to give the presentation in three days.

Your opening line: Where are your computer books?