Posh word swaps: answers and notes

What your child practised: informal and formal vocabulary, such as find out – discover, ask for – request, go in – enter (Year 6 grammar).

Page 1 · Warm up

discover (or learn, establish) · **request** · **enter**

Page 2 · Try it together

For example: help – assist, get – receive, put off – postpone.

Page 2 · A. Match

find out – **discover** · ask for – **request** · go in – **enter** · help – **assist** · need – **require** · say sorry – **apologise** · put off – **postpone** · give back – **return**

Page 3 · B. Ring the word

enter · **discover** · **request** · **postponed** (exit, invent, require and cancelled change the meaning)

Page 3 · C. Slang

loads of – **many** or **a great deal of** · kids – **children** · awesome – **excellent** or **impressive** · stuff – **items** or **belongings**

Page 3 · D. Rewrite (other good answers are possible)

1. We need to **discover** (or **establish**) who left the gate open, so please **assist** us.

2. **Many children entered** early and **obtained excellent** seats.

Challenge: No. **exit** is formal, but it means go out. To welcome visitors in, the sign should say **"Visitors, please enter through the front door."**

Watch out for

- **Keeping chatty two-word phrases** like find out. Ask, "Is there one word that means the same?"
- **Thinking slang is formal** (awesome, loads, kids). Ask, "Would a news reader say this?"
- **Changing the meaning** with a formal-sounding word (exit for enter). Read the new sentence aloud to check.

Going further (5 minutes, no paper)

- **Posh or Chatty at teatime:** say a chatty phrase; the other person gives a formal swap.
- **Sign spotting:** which formal words do signs and notices use (enter, prohibited, assistance)?
- **In the game:** Chapter 2 looks at question tags, like isn't he?, in chatty speech.