

Vocabulary: Discourse markers

For each of the six questions choose the one correct answer.

1. So you're a doctor? _____, I finish my training next year.
 - a) Let me see
 - b) Right
 - c) Listen
 - d) Well

2. A: Do you know her number? B: _____, it's here somewhere.
 - a) Let me see
 - b) Mind you
 - c) Well
 - d) You see

3. A: It's quite a problem, I don't know if I can do it. B: _____, I'll help you, don't worry.
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4. I'm afraid you can't come in, _____ you have to be 18.
 - a) you see
 - b) well
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5. I'm tired, _____, I only had 3 hours sleep last night!
 - a) mind you
 - b) right
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 - d) let me see

6. _____, let's start, shall we?
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