

Select a word or phrase to complete each conversation.



What do you usually in the evenings?

I like to watch television.



do

look

have

make

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Do you if I sit here?

No problem. The seat's free.



like

want

mind

wish

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Do you play tennis?

Yes, but I'm not very good it.



at

on

for

with

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So were your kids happy to see you when you got home from your trip?

I don't know if they missed me or my cooking. I had walked through the door when they were demanding supper!



really

nearly

barely

simply

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If you're worried about walking home on your own, why don't you take a taxi?

I can't afford to take a bus, alone a taxi!



let

set

leave

stand

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I've had a look through that employment contract for the new temp. There are a few additional clauses which the lawyer has advised us to include.

No problem. I'll it this afternoon.



renew

amend

refine

adapt

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I'm really struggling with this creative writing project. I just don't know what to write about.

The tutor says it's always better to personal experience for inspiration.



dwel on

resort to

draw on

revert to

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How was the concert last night?

Great, but really crowded. Apparently, loads of people were turned at the door.



up

off

out

away

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Are you going to go for that promotion? It's a lot of responsibility to take on.

I know, but working here for over three years by the time the interviews take place, so I feel like I know how things are done!



I'll be

I'd be

I'll have been

I'd have been

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What was that noise?

It sounded as if someone stepped on a branch and it .



crunched

snapped

banged

popped

Read the conversation. Then select the correct answer from the options below.

Man

Timothy's business seems to be thriving.

Woman

Actually, I think he's only just about breaking even.

What does the man mean?

It's losing a lot of money.

It's bringing in a lot of money.

It's hardly making any money.

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Woman

What did you think of Wendell's performance today? Would you agree that his debut at national level can't be far away?

Man

Well, it's good to see his growing confidence in his own ability over the season. And scoring a goal that soon into a match is bound to cause a stir, but as for the national squad - well that's another question.

What does the man mean?

The match they are discussing will have a significant impact on decisions about the national team.

The player's hasn't yet achieved the required level for selection into the national team.

The man is not prepared to comment on speculation about the player's selection for the national team.

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Woman

Well, was skydiving everything it was cracked up to be?

Man

Pretty much - all over in a flash though.

What does the woman mean?

Was skydiving as good as people say it is?

Was skydiving as scary as people say it is?

Was skydiving as difficult as people say it is?

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Woman

Did you check whether Professor Cotts is available to give a talk to our final-year students?

Man

I did, but I'm not too optimistic about the prospect of it happening any time soon.

Woman

I thought as much, but I'd be grateful if you could get in touch the minute anything changes, so I can review my plan should she give a negative response.

What does the woman mean in her second turn?

She is hopeful that the talk may still take place.

She is reluctant to go back on a decision she made about the talk.

She is appreciative of the man's efforts to arrange the talk.

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Man

How was your holiday?

Woman

Well, apart from being stranded at the airport for 24 hours, it was idyllic.

Man

Oh, I wondered if you'd been hit by the strike.

What does the woman mean?

The journey was terrible.

The holiday was a complete disaster.

The flight was the worst I've ever experienced.

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Man

What's wrong with your personal assistant?

Woman

I'm not happy with his performance at work and I've just let him know in no uncertain terms.

Man

Well, you don't exactly mince your words, do you?

What does the man mean by his SECOND comment?

You don't always say exactly what you mean.

You always communicate precisely and effectively.

You don't always tell people exactly what you think.

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Man

New technology is sometimes more trouble than it's worth.

Woman

You never did like keeping up with the times.

What does the man mean?

Most new technology can be unexpectedly difficult to use.

It can be hard keeping up-to-date with technology.

New technology requires too much effort.

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Boy

Mum - I've decided I'm going to hitch-hike round Europe!

Mother

Not if I have anything to say about it.

What does the mother mean?

I don't want you to do that.

I'm not saying anything about this.

Not until we have talked about this.

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Wife

Had we known that they were going to build a motorway so close to us, I'd have thought twice about us buying this house.

Husband

Sorry, love. What did you say?

Wife

I might as well be talking to myself!

What does the wife mean by her SECOND comment?

It's pointless discussing the issue.

Your opinion isn't valuable to me.

I'm fed up with you not listening.

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Woman

So, once you'd had a chance to see the house, what did you think?

Man

I have to say, given what's on the market elsewhere, I'd expected the location to be more clearly reflected in the price. It's not as if it was being offered at a knock-down rate, is it?

What does the man mean?

He considered the house to be too expensive for his budget.

He had a poor opinion of the area where the house was situated.

He had hoped to be shown a house in a different neighbourhood.

Complete the text. Write ONE word in each space.

Courtney Gordon: the world's strongest woman!

A grey morning in Hong Kong and I'm just **setting** off to photograph Courtney Gordon. In recent years she's **become** to be known as the 'strongest woman on Earth'. As a 13-year-old secondary school student growing up in Edinburgh, Scotland, she won the gold medal in the national archery competition. Not content to settle **in** success in one sport however, she later became the national women's shot-put champion. It's safe to say Gordon is big news in the world of sport, **and** twice won the annual Women's World Weightlifting Competition. Her success has **put** her the face of this rapidly growing sport. I enter the unassuming downtown gym where she can regularly be found putting herself **through** a rigorous fitness regime. At the back of the room, two large bodybuilders struggle to drag huge tractor tyres **the** weight of a grand piano from one side of the room to the other. On a weightlifting bench to my left, Gordon heaves two enormous dumb-bells into the air at least ten times before dropping to the floor and doing several sets of press-ups. And all this without even breaking into a sweat. I start to wonder whether my images will ever be able to capture the atmosphere of this place and **do** justice to this amazing woman.