

Select a word or phrase to complete each conversation.



Do you want a drink?

Yes, please. \_\_\_\_\_ really thirsty.



I've I'll I'd I'm

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Could I speak to the manager, please?

Certainly. Who shall I say \_\_\_\_\_ ?



calls will call is calling has called

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There have been a lot of arguments in the staff room this week. I'm not sure whether to get involved.

If I were you, I'd \_\_\_\_\_ my head down. You don't need problems like that.



put hold keep move

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Has Sam said anything about when I should pick him up from the airport?

Yes. He said \_\_\_\_\_ you at the baggage claim at five o'clock.



he met he meets he's met he'd meet

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I'd like to close my account, please. I've got my driving licence with me as proof of identity.

Oh, you \_\_\_\_\_ that. I just have to check your details on the computer and get your signature.



needn't have brought shouldn't have to bring mustn't have brought wouldn't have to bring

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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.



draw on dwell on resort to revert to

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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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What was that noise?

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



crunched snapped banged popped

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It's time \_\_\_\_\_ a new car.

Why? What's wrong with the one you've got?



I buy I bought I should buy I had bought

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Could you put me up for a couple of days?

Sure.



I hope you don't mind \_\_\_\_\_ !



asking you that I ask you me to ask you my asking you

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

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.

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

Woman

I see that Edward Seymour is leaving the Royal Opera.

Man

Yes, and apparently he's going for good.

What does the man mean?

Edward Seymour will be getting a better position.

Edward Seymour wants to earn more money.

Edward Seymour is never coming back.

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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 man mean?

It shocked me.

It didn't last very long.

It was really disappointing.

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Girl

Dad - Gareth and me have decided we're going to hitchhike all around North America next summer.

Father

Not if I have anything to say about it.

What does the father mean?

Not until we have talked about this.

I'm not saying anything about this.

I don't want you to do that.

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Man

People are saying the factory manager has decided to call it a day.

Woman

I'm afraid you can't believe everything you hear.

What does the man mean?

The factory manager is reducing the workforce.

The factory manager is going to leave the company.

The factory manager is arranging a meeting.

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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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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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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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Woman

Eva's new business looks like it's thriving.

Man

Honestly, I think she's only just breaking even.

What does the woman mean?

The business is hardly making any money.

The business is losing a lot of money.

The business is bringing in a lot of money.

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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.

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 **come** 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 **for**

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, **having** twice

won the annual Women's World Weightlifting Competition. Her success has

**made** 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.