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Who's that man with Anna?

I think he's \_\_\_\_\_ boyfriend.



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Did you enjoy reading the book?

No, I was really \_\_\_\_\_ by the end of it.



bore bores bored boring

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Thank you very much for fixing my bike so quickly.

Pleasure!



Won't you consider letting me \_\_\_\_\_ you for your time?

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Why are you home so late?



I stopped \_\_\_\_\_ to Suzie and I lost track of time.



to be chatting have a chat chatting to chat

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It's not like you to take a taxi.

Well, I did it \_\_\_\_\_ not to be late.



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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.



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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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What was that noise?

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



crunched snapped banged popped

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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!



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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 FIRST comment?

I wish we hadn't bought this house.

We ought to think again about buying this house.

You should have reconsidered buying this house.

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Man

Well, was parachute jumping everything it was cracked up to be?

Woman

I'd say so - there was a lot of hanging around, though.

What does the man mean?

Was parachute jumping as difficult as people say it is?

Was parachute jumping as scary as people say it is?

Was parachute jumping as good as people say it is?

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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

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

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

I just don't know what's the matter with me. My boss has invited me to a Paris fashion show and I'm struggling to get excited about it.

Man

You'd normally go without a second thought.

What does the man mean?

I think you should go.

**It's odd that you should feel like that.**

You should think about this more seriously.

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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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Sister

I don't know what you see in fishing sitting on a river bank for hours on end doing absolutely nothing and finishing the day with a couple of trout.

Brother

You just don't get it, do you? It's not about how many fish you catch.

What does the brother mean?

You can't understand.

**You don't understand.**

You refuse to understand.

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Woman

Why was Josh so quiet at practice this evening?

Man

He's been messing around so much recently, it's been annoying everyone. I told him if he doesn't stop it, he's off the team.

Woman

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

What does the woman mean by her SECOND comment?

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

**You always communicate precisely and effectively.**

You don't always say exactly what you mean.

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 **bring** justice to this amazing woman.