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Did you and Olga go to the concert last night?

No, _____ couldn't go. Olga wasn't well.



we they you he

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Have you got a new job, Max?

Yes, _____ the hospital in town. And I'm really happy I got a job there.



on **at** by to

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I can't come and see you tomorrow after all.

Why not?



I have to _____ my sister while my mother's working.

look at look up look for **look after**

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You should buy that dress - it looks really nice on you.

I like it but I'm not sure whether the colour _____ me.



fits **suits** agrees matches

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I don't think so many cheap flights should be allowed - they're so bad for the environment.

It's _____ very well for you to say that but how else can people see the world?



so **all** just really

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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.



draw on dwell on resort to **draw on** revert to

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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**

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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

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 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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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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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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Woman

Don't you need to leave now if you want to see the beginning of the play?

Man

Don't worry about it. It doesn't start until 8 pm.

What does the man mean?

I'm not worried about missing the start of the play.

I need to leave at 8 pm to be on time for the play.

I'm not going to miss any part of the play.

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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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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

 That's a shame that you won't be here for the party! How come?

Man

 Well, I wanted to come, but the trains stop really early, so I wouldn't be able to get home.

Woman

 Oh, I'm sure one of us can put you up. It would be no trouble at all.

What does the woman mean by her SECOND comment?


☐ Someone can take the man back to his house.

☒ The man can stay at someone's house.


☐ Someone will find a hotel for the man.

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Girl

 I really like going to the gym.

Boy

 Really? But I hardly ever see you there.

Girl

 I always go quite late in the evenings.

What does the boy mean?


☐ He never sees the girl at the gym.

☒ He sometimes sees the girl at the gym.


☐ He always sees the girl at the gym.

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Man

 I see the train drivers are preparing for strike action again next week.

Woman

 I don't suppose anything will come of it, though.

Man

 I wish I could share your optimism.

What does the man mean by his SECOND comment?


☐ I'm frustrated by your attitude.

☒ I'm afraid I can't agree with you.


☐ I'm finding it hard to believe you.

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Man

 I'm going to throw my hat in the ring for the Managing Director job. What do you think?

Woman

 Well, to be honest, I think it's a bit of a long shot.

What does the woman mean?

☐ I think it's a great idea.

☒ I think you're unlikely to succeed.

☐ I don't think you should do that immediately.

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.