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Can you help me? I need a history book.

Yes, there a lot of history books on that shelf over there.



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Look - that's Tim Jones over there.

I don't know called Tim Jones.



anyone nobody nothing anything

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I still can't believe the school principal quit today!

I'm not surprised. The teachers having discussions with him about it long before it actually happened.



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Not many students can write a good story.

True. What they really need help in writing creative storylines.



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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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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.



dwell on resort to draw on 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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Did the school ever find out who took the computers from the lab?

Not exactly. There was some doubt their identities.



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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 .




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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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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
 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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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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Boy

I really like going swimming.

Girl

Really, but I hardly ever see you at the swimming pool.

What does the girl mean?

- She never sees the boy at the swimming pool.
- She always sees the boy at the swimming pool.
- She sometimes sees the boy at the swimming pool.

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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?

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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Man

By the time the government wake up to the real threat of global warming, we'll all have webbed feet.

Woman

What a cheerful man you are!

What does the woman mean?

- You're being rather pessimistic.
- I suppose you're trying to be funny.
- You shouldn't joke about such serious matters.

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 **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, **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.