




Select a word or phrase to complete each conversation.


 Whose is that fantastic car?


Actually, it's .

 Lucky you!

theirs yours **mine** hers


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 What have you done to your leg?


Oh, I fell over yesterday and it  hurts now.

so very quite **really**

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 Could you turn on the news?


Why, what's happening? 

Apparently  an accident in town.

there'll be there'd be **there's been** there's being



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 Was the meeting successful?

Well, we signed the contract  the deadline being earlier than we'd expected.

despite however although whereas


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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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 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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 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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 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

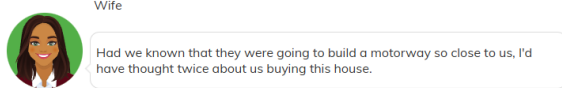
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 I don't like the idea of the company being taken over.

No, but it's the  of two evils so we'll have to accept it.

slighter **lesser** minor least

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Husband

Sorry, love. What did you say?



I might as well be talking to myself!

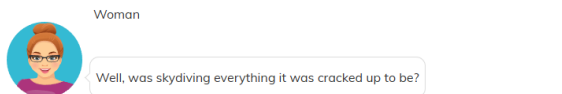
What does the wife mean by her SECOND comment?

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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Man

Pretty much - all over in a flash though.



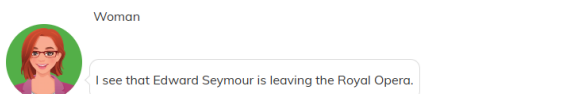
What does the man mean?

It shocked me.

It didn't last very long.

It was really disappointing.

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Man

Yes, and apparently he's going for good.



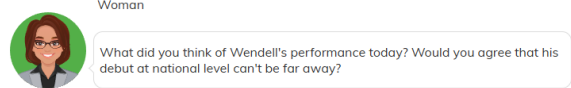
What does the man mean?

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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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.



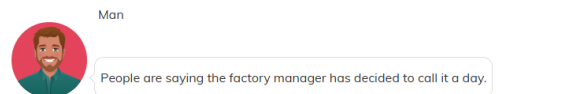
What does the man mean?

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

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



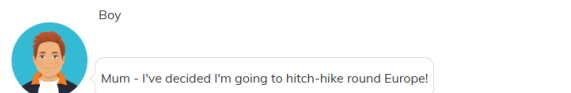
What does the man mean?

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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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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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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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.

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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.

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 **on**

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 **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.