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Did you and Sally go to the meeting last night?

No, couldn't go. Sally wasn't well.



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Where's Jane?

I think she's her homework in the library.



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You think you're the world's greatest expert on everything, don't you?

I were! I'd probably be a millionaire by now!



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I was just watching the local news on TV.

Anything to report?



There's been another of the flu.

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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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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.



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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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Could you put me up for a couple of days?

Sure.



I hope you don't mind !

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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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What was that noise?

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



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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 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

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

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

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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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.

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

 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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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.

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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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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.