

Select a word or phrase to complete each conversation.



Who's that man with Anna?

I think he's _____ boyfriend.



his her him her's

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How long have you been in England?

Two months.



And do you _____ it in London?

like live find want

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Good morning madam. Can I help you?

Yes, could I arrange an appointment _____ my eyes tested?



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I had to _____ that job offer in the end.

Why?



The salary just wasn't good enough.

turn off turn back turn away turn down

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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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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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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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What was that noise?

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



crunched snapped banged popped

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 SECOND comment?

☐ It's pointless discussing the issue.

☐ Your opinion isn't valuable to me.

☒ I'm fed up with you not listening.

Read the conversation. Then select the correct answer from the options below.

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.

Read the conversation. Then select the correct answer from the options below.

Man

People are saying the factory manager has decided to call it a day.

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.

Read the conversation. Then select the correct answer from the options below.

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.

Read the conversation. Then select the correct answer from the options below.

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.

Read the conversation. Then select the correct answer from the options below.

Woman

I see that Edward Seymour is leaving the Royal Opera.

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.

Read the conversation. Then select the correct answer from the options below.

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.

Read the conversation. Then select the correct answer from the options below.

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.

Read the conversation. Then select the correct answer from the options below.

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.

Read the conversation. Then select the correct answer from the options below.

Woman

I don't know what's wrong with me. I've just been invited to speak at this year's sales conference and I'm not sure I can be bothered to make the effort.

Man

You'd normally do it without a second thought.

What does the man mean?

You should think about this more seriously.

I think you should do it.

It's odd that you should feel like that.

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 **come** 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, **having** 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 **weighing** 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.

Listen and choose the correct answer.

A man and a woman are talking about plays that are performed on the radio.



What does the man think about them?

The acting doesn't sound very realistic.

The productions make economic sense.

The listeners exercise their imaginations.

The times they are broadcast aren't always convenient.

Listen and choose the correct answer.

A man is talking to a neighbour about a plum tree.



Why did the man remove the tree from his garden?

It was damaging the house.

It was dropping too much fruit.

It was in danger of falling down.

It was spoiling the view from the house.

Listen and choose the correct answer.

A man and a woman are discussing legal documents.



What do they think about them?

They should be rewritten by people outside the legal profession.

They are sometimes written in order to mislead people.

They are written in a way that some clients want.

They are written over a long period of time.

Listen and choose the correct answer.

Two people are comparing their experiences of a work experience scheme for trainee radio journalists.



What point do they agree about?

They found the work very tiring.

They were supervised in an effective way.

They were challenged from the very beginning.

They appreciated the range of tasks they were given.

Listen and choose the correct answer.

A young man and woman are talking about a musical charity event the previous evening.



What happened at the event?

The event was rescheduled.

The venue became overcrowded.

The sound equipment stopped working.

It was cancelled because of crowd trouble.

Listen and choose the correct answer.

A man and a woman are talking about money and happiness.



What do they agree about?

Having a lot of money can cause problems.

People are never satisfied with what they have.

It is possible to be happy even if you have no money.

Most people change their life when they suddenly get rich.

Listen and choose the correct answer.

Two people are talking about reactions to a news programme.



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What do the man and woman agree about?

Experienced speakers should talk about ideas in a reasonable way.

News discussion programmes don't usually get so many complaints.

A heated exchange of ideas should not take place without a presenter.

An animated discussion is a successful way of stimulating interest in a topic.

Listen and choose the correct answer.

A man is being interviewed about his work as a radio journalist.



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What does he say about it?

Working on the radio often leads to opportunities in other fields.

A radio journalist has to deal with similar demands to people in other jobs.

The motivation to go into radio journalism can come from childhood experiences.

There is a substantial difference between working for local and national radio stations.

Listen and choose the correct answer.

Two people are talking about an exhibition of paintings that they have been to.



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They agree that...

the paintings are displayed in an effective way.

there are too many different styles of painting.

the technical quality of the paintings is generally good.

the subject matter of the paintings is surprisingly limited.

Listen and choose the correct answer.

Two people are talking at the gym.



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What does the man think about his gym membership?

The fees are more than he can afford.

Being a gym member fits his life well.

The money could be better spent on social activities.

He plans to cancel his gym membership next month.

Listen and choose the correct answer.

A man is talking about running his own restaurant.



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What does he imply about his career in the restaurant business?

If he'd accepted the airport contract, it would have been a disaster.

He had a better opportunity to learn innovative techniques working abroad.

If he'd had less adventurous menus, he wouldn't have achieved what he has.

If he'd continued working abroad, he might have been even more successful.

Listen and choose the correct answer.

A man is talking about his experience of playing in a team.



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What does he say was the main benefit for him?

It taught him leadership skills.

It helped him believe in himself.

It improved his health and fitness.

It made him focus less on himself.

Listen and choose the correct answer.

A head teacher is giving a talk.



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Why is he talking to his staff?

to describe an educational event

to tell them about a change of date

to remind them about a history test

to talk about a school trip to a museum

Listen and choose the correct answer.

A scientist at a nuclear research centre is talking to a group of visitors about his current job.



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What does he appreciate most about his work?

the opportunity to further his career

the experience of working with very skilled people

the ability to achieve something that will benefit mankind

the excitement that comes from putting theories into practice

Listen and choose the correct answer.

A man is speaking at an event.



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What type of event is he speaking at?

an award ceremony

a staff retirement party

an end-of-term performance

the opening of a new building