

Select a word or phrase to complete each conversation.



Why did you decide to another job?



I wasn't happy with the one I had.

look out

look for

look up

look at

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I really didn't enjoy the school trip!



, it was so boring!

Neither do I

Neither did I

Neither was I

Neither have I

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Come in - you look a bit cold.



Thanks - the wind's so strong it nearly blew my hat .

up

off

over

down

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I told you we wouldn't like the film.



Yes, you were right.



It was even more frightening than .

I expect

I'd expected

I've expected

I'm expecting

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Why don't you take a taxi if you're nervous walking home at night?



I can't afford to take a bus, alone a taxi!

by

all

let

well

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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.

dwell on

resort to

draw on

revert to

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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.

in so far as

so as to

as with

as 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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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.

Man

Well, was parachute jumping everything it was cracked up to be?

Woman

I'd say so - there was a lot of hanging around, though.

What does the man mean?

- Was parachute jumping as difficult as people say it is?
- Was parachute jumping as scary as people say it is?
- Was parachute jumping as good 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

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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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.

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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.

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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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Sister

I don't know what you see in fishing sitting on a river bank for hours on end doing absolutely nothing and finishing the day with a couple of trout.

Brother

You just don't get it, do you? It's not about how many fish you catch.

What does the brother mean?

You can't understand.

You don't understand.

You refuse to understand.

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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 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

So, once you'd had a chance to see the house, what did you think?

Man

I have to say, given what's on the market elsewhere, I'd expected the location to be more clearly reflected in the price. It's not as if it was being offered at a knock-down rate, is it?

What does the man mean?

He considered the house to be too expensive for his budget.

He had a poor opinion of the area where the house was situated.

He had hoped to be shown a house in a different neighbourhood.

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 **with** 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.