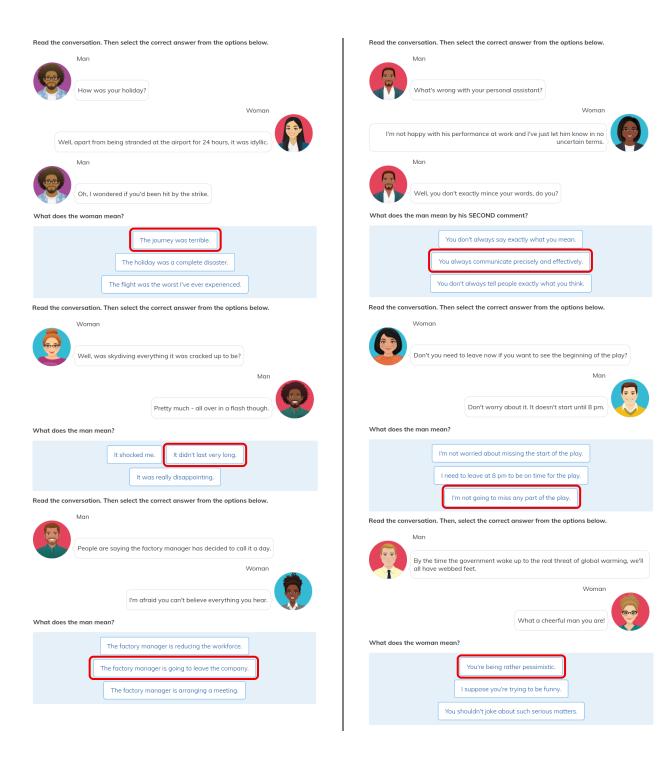


Select a word or phrase to complete each conversation. How was the concert last night? Great, but really crowded. Apparently, loads of people at the door. up off out away Select a word or phrase to complete each conversation. Did the school ever find out who took the computers Not exactly. There was some doubt identities. in so far as so as to as with as to Select a word or phrase to complete each conversation. Why? What's wrong with the one you've got? I bought I should buy I had bought 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 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.



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?

Ma

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 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.



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.



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.

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 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 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, won the annual Women's World Weightlifting Competition. Her success has her the face of this rapidly growing sport. I enter the unassuming downtown gym where she can regularly be found putting a rigorous fitness regime. At the back of the room, two large bodybuilders struggle to drag huge tractor tyres 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 $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ sweat. I start to wonder whether my images will ever be able to capture the atmosphere of this place and justice to this amazing woman.