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Who's that man with Anna?

I think he's _____ boyfriend.



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Shall I prepare the vegetables for dinner?

Yes, but be careful not to cut _____, the knife's sharp.



you your yours yourself

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Oh dear, I've left my gloves in the car.

Don't worry, I'll get _____ for you.



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Do you like tennis?

I prefer badminton. It's _____ easier than tennis.



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It's not like you to take a taxi.

Well, I did it _____ not to be late.



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So you're living in New York now?

Yes, my wife _____ to move there for years and finally a job came up.



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I've got loads of old discs in my cupboard.

What are you going to do with them?



I don't know - it seems like _____ we get used to one thing, something new comes along!

just as only when as long as no sooner than

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I ought to make an appointment at the dentist's but I just hate going!

You'll regret it if you keep putting it _____.



I know.

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I'm really enjoying our French class. Are you?

Definitely. Can you believe how she _____ us talking to each other in French by the first month?



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When did you realise _____ your purse?

When I tried to pay for my lunch.



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Boy

I really like going swimming.

Girl

Really, but I hardly ever see you at the swimming pool.

Boy

I always go early in the mornings.

What does the girl mean?

- She never sees the boy at the swimming pool.
- She always sees the boy at the swimming pool.
- She sometimes sees the boy at the swimming pool.

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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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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.

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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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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

Well, was skydiving everything it was cracked up to be?

Man

Pretty much - all over in a flash though.

What does the woman mean?

- Was skydiving as good as people say it is?
- Was skydiving as scary as people say it is?
- Was skydiving as difficult as people say it is?

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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.

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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

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.

Complete the text. Write ONE word in each space.

The Cosmos

The Cosmos is an acclaimed charitable organisation, dedicated **to** the art of storytelling. It was founded by artist and best-selling author Samuel Lukas. Samuel **set** out to recreate, in Bangkok, the feeling of the dark winter evenings in **his** native Norway, where he and a group of friends **would** regularly gather around a fire in one of their gardens to share captivating tales. They were inspired by the starlit sky above them on those cloudless evenings, and as a result, the group started calling **it** The Cosmos. The first Bangkok Cosmos event was held on Samuel's small balcony, but word **spread** fast. In no time at all, events were taking place in cafes and clubs across the city. Audiences are drawn to the stories **like** moths to a flame. What is remarkable about The Cosmos is that, since its launch in 1986, thousands of stories have been told live and **without** the use of any notes to audiences in packed out venues all over the world. Those cold nights spent under the stars were the start of something much bigger than Samuel and his friends could ever have anticipated.