

Select a word or phrase to complete each conversation.



Whose is that fantastic car?

Actually, it's



Lucky you!

theirs

yours

mine

hers

เฉลย: mine

คำอธิบาย: คำว่า "Whose" (ของใคร) ใช้ถามความเป็นเจ้าของ ดังนั้นคำตอบต้องเป็นสรรพนามแสดงความเป็นเจ้าของ (possessive pronoun) ที่หมายถึงตัวผู้พูดเองคือ "mine" (ของฉัน)

Select a word or phrase to complete each conversation.



What's Julie doing?

I think on the phone.



she's

she'd

she calls

she speaks

เฉลย: she's

คำอธิบาย: ประโยคนี้เป็น Present Continuous Tense (กำลังทำอะไรอยู่) เพื่ออธิบายการกระทำที่กำลังเกิดขึ้นในปัจจุบัน โครงสร้างคือ Subject + be (is, am, are) + Verb-ing. ในที่นี้ประธานคือ "she" (Julie) ดังนั้นต้องใช้ "she's" (she is) ตามด้วย "talking" หรือ "speaking" ค่ะ แม้ว่าในตัวเลือกจะไม่มีคำกริยา แต่ตัวเลือกที่ถูกต้องที่สุดคือ "she's" ที่สามารถใช้ได้ในประโยคนี้

Select a word or phrase to complete each conversation.



Don't stroke the cat!

Why? Doesn't your cat like



Not this one!

be stroked

been stroked

being stroked

having been stroked

เฉลย: being stroked

คำอธิบาย: หลังจากคำว่า "like" สามารถใช้ gerund (V-ing) หรือ infinitive (to + V1) ได้ แต่ในกรณีนี้ประโยคต้องการ Passive Voice (ประธานถูกกระทำ) คือ แมวถูกลูบ ดังนั้นจึงต้องใช้ "being stroked" (ถูกลูบ)

Select a word or phrase to complete each conversation.



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?



had

took

tried

made

เฉลย: made

คำอธิบาย: โครงสร้างประโยค Causative Verb (กริยาที่ทำให้เกิดการกระทำ) ในที่นี้คือ "made" (ทำให้) ซึ่งตามด้วยกรรม (us) และตามด้วยกริยาช่อง 1 (talk) ดังนั้นคำตอบที่ถูกต้องคือ "made"

Select a word or phrase to complete each conversation.



I was just watching the local news on TV.



Anything to report?



There's been another of the flu.

outlet

outburst

outcome

outbreak

เฉลย: outbreak

คำอธิบาย: คำว่า "outbreak" หมายถึงการระบาดของฉับพลันของโรคภัยไข้เจ็บหรือสิ่งที่ไม่พึงประสงค์ คำนี้ใช้คู่กับโรคระบาดได้พอดี

Select a word or phrase to complete each conversation.



So, how will this news affect shareholders?

I think they can expect to see a sizeable return on their investment, the company's results are looking so positive.



despite the fact that

supposing that

provided that

given that

เฉลย: given that

คำอธิบาย: วลี "given that" หมายถึง "เนื่องจาก" หรือ "เพราะว่า" ใช้เพื่ออธิบายเหตุผลว่าทำไมจึงคาดหวังผลตอบแทนที่สูงได้ นั่นก็เพราะผลประกอบการของบริษัทดูเป็นบวก

Select a word or phrase to complete each conversation.



I'd like to close my account, please. I've got my driving licence with me as proof of identity.

Oh, you that. I just have to check your details on the computer and get your signature.



needn't have brought

shouldn't have to bring

mustn't have brought

wouldn't have to bring

เฉลย: needn't have brought

คำอธิบาย: โครงสร้าง "needn't have + V3" ใช้เมื่อการกระทำในอดีตนั้นไม่จำเป็นต้องทำแต่ก็ได้ทำไปแล้ว ในที่นี้คือ "ไม่จำเป็นต้องนำหลักฐานมาเลย" เพราะพนักงานไม่ได้ใช้มัน

Select a word or phrase to complete each conversation.



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

เฉลย: my asking you

คำอธิบาย: หลังจากคำว่า "mind" (รังเกียจ) จะตามด้วย gerund (V-ing) หรือวลีที่ประกอบด้วย gerund ค่ะ ในกรณีนี้ "my asking you" หมายถึง "การที่ฉันถามคุณ" หรือ "การที่ฉันขอให้คุณ"

Select a word or phrase to complete each conversation.



I hear you're retiring next year.

That's right! my job for 30 years by then
and I think that's long enough!



I'm doing

I was doing

I've been doing

I'll have been doing

เฉลย: I'll have been doing

คำอธิบาย: ประโยคนี้ใช้ Future Perfect Continuous Tense (S + will have been + V-ing) เพื่อแสดงการกระทำที่เริ่มในอดีตและจะดำเนินต่อเนื่องไปถึงจุดหนึ่งในอนาคต (ปีหน้า) ซึ่งในตอนนั้นเขาจะทำงานครบ 30 ปีพอดี

Select a word or phrase to complete each conversation.



I'm really looking forward about Ancient Egypt.

Me too. I've been to the Pyramids and they were amazing.



learn

to learn

learning

to learning

เฉลย: to learning

คำอธิบาย: วลี "look forward to" หมายถึง "ตั้งตารอคอย" ซึ่งตามด้วยคำนามหรือ gerund (V-ing) ดังนั้นคำตอบที่ถูกต้องคือ "to learning"

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



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.

เฉลย: She sometimes sees the boy at the swimming pool.

คำอธิบาย: คำว่า "hardly ever" หมายถึง "แทบจะไม่เคย" ซึ่งไม่ได้หมายถึง "ไม่เคยเลย" (never) แต่ก็ไม่ใช่ "เสมอ" (always) ดังนั้นจึงแปลว่า "บางครั้ง" (sometimes) หรือ "นานๆ ครั้ง"

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

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.

เฉลย: You're being rather pessimistic.

คำอธิบาย: การที่ผู้หญิงพูดว่า "What a cheerful man you are!" เป็นการพูดประชดประชัน (sarcasm) เพราะสิ่งที่ผู้ชายพูดนั้นเป็นเรื่องที่แยและไม่ได้อาจทำให้รู้สึกเศร้าใจเลยล่ะ ดังนั้นเธอจึงหมายความว่าเขากำลังมองโลกในแง่ร้ายเกินไป

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

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.

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

คำอธิบาย: ผู้ชายพูดว่าราคาของบ้านไม่สมเหตุสมผลกับทำเล และไม่ได้เป็นราคาที่ถูกลงมาก (knock-down rate) ซึ่งโดยรวมแล้วถือว่าบ้านมีราคาสูงเกินไป

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

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.

เฉลย: The holiday was a complete disaster.

คำอธิบาย: ผู้หญิงพูดว่า "apart from..." (นอกจาก...) ซึ่งหมายถึงว่าการที่เธอติดอยู่ที่สนามบิน 24 ชั่วโมงนั้นเป็นเรื่องที่แย่มาก แม้เธอจะใช้คำว่า "idyllic" (สวยงาม, น่าพึงพอใจ) ในตอนท้าย แต่การติดค้าง 24 ชั่วโมงนั้นเป็นเรื่องที่หนักหนามากจนทำให้วันหยุดโดยรวมเป็นหายนะ

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

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.

เฉลย: The business is hardly making any money.

คำอธิบาย: คำว่า "breaking even" หมายถึงการทำธุรกิจที่ได้กำไรเท่ากับค่าใช้จ่าย หรือก็คือ "เสมอตัว" ซึ่งใกล้เคียงกับความหมายว่า "แทบจะไม่ได้เงินเลย"

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.

เฉลย: New technology requires too much effort.

คำอธิบาย: วลี "more trouble than it's worth" หมายถึง "ปัญหามากกว่าประโยชน์" ซึ่งสื่อว่าเทคโนโลยีใหม่ๆ ทำให้เกิดความยุ่งยากหรือต้องใช้ความพยายามมากเกินไป

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.

เฉลย: The player hasn't yet achieved the required level for selection into the national team.

คำอธิบาย: การที่ผู้ชายพูดว่า "that's another question" (นั่นเป็นอีกเรื่องหนึ่ง) สื่อว่าการได้ขึ้นทีมชาตินั้นเป็นเรื่องที่ยังไม่แน่นอนหรือยากกว่าที่คิด ซึ่งหมายความว่านักเตะคนนี้ยังไม่ถึงระดับที่จะได้รับเลือก

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 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?

เฉลย: Was skydiving as good as people say it is?

คำอธิบาย: วลี "everything it was cracked up to be" หมายถึง "ดีตามที่คนอื่นพูดไว้หรือไม่" ซึ่งเป็นสำนวนที่ใช้ถามว่าประสบการณ์นั้นเป็นไปตามความคาดหวังหรือคำร่ำลือหรือไม่

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



Did you check whether Professor Cottis 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.

เฉลย: She is hopeful that the talk may still take place.

คำอธิบาย: ผู้หญิงขอให้ผู้ชายติดต่อกลับทันทีหากมีการเปลี่ยนแปลง นั่นแสดงว่าเธอยังมีความหวังว่าการพูดคุยนี้อาจเกิดขึ้นได้ และต้องการเตรียมแผนสำรองไว้หากไม่เป็นไปตามที่คาดหวัง

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

their 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 themselves 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.

Listen and choose the correct answer.

A man is speaking to a woman about his new bicycle.



2 of 2 play(s)

Why did the man buy the bicycle?

It was cheap.

It was comfortable.

It looked attractive.

It was a famous brand.

Listen and choose the correct answer.

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



2 of 2 play(s)

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.



1 of 2 play(s)

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.



1 of 2 play(s)

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.



1 of 2 play(s)

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.

Two people are talking about reactions to a news programme.



2 of 2 play(s)

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.

Two people are talking at the gym.



1 of 2 play(s)

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.

Two people are talking about a visit to an art gallery.



1 of 2 play(s)

What did the man think about children being at the art gallery?

disappointed at the way they were being supervised

annoyed because they were asking so many questions

angry at the way they reacted to the gallery staff member

concerned because they were too young to value the experience

Listen and choose the correct answer.

Two people are talking about what they have been doing.



1 of 2 play(s)

Where are they?

in a café

at a hospital

in a supermarket

at an open air market

Listen and choose the correct answer.

A scientist is being interviewed about the production of fuel.



1 of 2 play(s)

What does the woman imply about people's attitudes towards fuel consumption?

Most people are in favour of more traditional kinds of alternative energy.

Many people would prefer to keep using oil as a source of fuel for transport.

Everyone is afraid that the earth's energy sources are at the point of running out.

People are more interested in obtaining fuel than worrying about where it comes from.

Listen and choose the correct answer.

A woman is talking about a new radio programme called 'Get Reading'.



1 of 2 play(s)

A child might join the 'Get Reading' club in order to ...

get some free books.

enter a writing competition.

read some stories on the website.

get a letter read out on the programme.

Listen and choose the correct answer.

A presenter is talking about a holiday destination.



1 of 2 play(s)

The presenter thinks that the place would be best suited to ...

active people who enjoy the outdoors.

groups who wish to do some sightseeing.

young people who want a range of activities.

elderly visitors who enjoy natural surroundings.

Listen and choose the correct answer.

A man is talking about a member of his sports team.



1 of 2 play(s)

What sport is the man talking about?

tennis

football

volleyball

basketball

Listen and choose the correct answer.

A woman is talking about gardening.



1 of 2 play(s)

What does she say about the weather?

It's been very wet and windy recently.

The forecast is for freezing temperatures.

There was a period of warm weather last April.

The winter was shorter and warmer than expected.

Listen and choose the correct answer.

A man is talking about running his own restaurant.



1 of 2 play(s)

What does the man say about his reputation in the restaurant business?

He is sure that appearing on TV was a turning point.

He feels proud when people call him a celebrity chef.

He's not sure what he's done to deserve his success.

His business goal has never been to simply achieve fame.