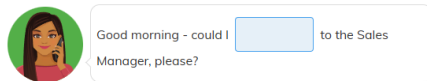


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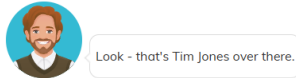


I'm sorry - she's not in today.



tell say ask **speak**

Select a word or phrase to complete each conversation.

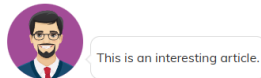


I don't know [ ] called Tim Jones.



**anyone** nobody nothing anything

Select a word or phrase to complete each conversation.



Why's that?

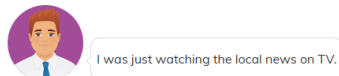


A scientist in the States reckons [ ] global warming that killed the dinosaurs!



it was on being there was **to have been**

Select a word or phrase to complete each conversation.



Anything to report?

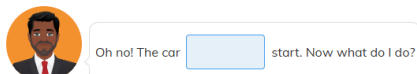


There's been another [ ] of the flu.



outlet outburst outcome **outbreak**

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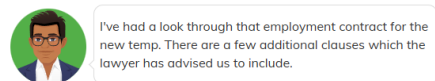


Have you checked the battery?



can't **won't** doesn't shouldn't

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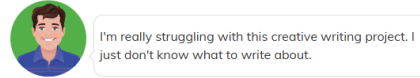


No problem. I'll [ ] it this afternoon.



renew **amend** refine adapt

Select a word or phrase to complete each conversation.

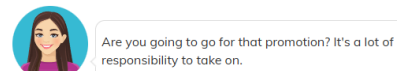


The tutor says it's always better to [ ] personal experience for inspiration.



dwell on resort to **draw on** revert to

Select a word or phrase to complete each conversation.

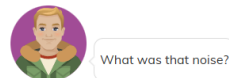


I know, but [ ] working here for over three years by the time the interviews take place, so I feel like I know how things are done!



I'll be I'd be **I'll have been** I'd have been

Select a word or phrase to complete each conversation.

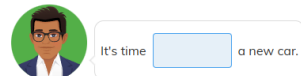


It sounded as if someone stepped on a branch and it [ ].



crunched **snapped** banged popped

Select a word or phrase to complete each conversation.



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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Boy

Mum - I've decided I'm going to hitch-hike round Europe!

Mother

Not if I have anything to say about it.

What does the mother mean?

I don't want you to do that.

I'm not saying anything about this.

Not until we have talked about this.

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

Woman

Don't you need to leave now if you want to see the beginning of the play?

Man

Don't worry about it. It doesn't start until 8 pm.

What does the man mean?

I'm not worried about missing the start of the play.

I need to leave at 8 pm to be on time for the play.

I'm not going to miss any part of the play.

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.

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.

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

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.

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 **in** 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.