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 Are there any shops your house?


 Yes, it's quite a busy area.


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 I've got some letters to post.


 them to the post office if you like.


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 You think you're the world's greatest expert on everything, don't you?


 I were! I'd probably be a millionaire by now!


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 Has Sam said anything about when I should pick him up from the airport?


 Yes, He said you at the baggage claim at five o'clock.


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 Harry's new restaurant has really .


 That's excellent news.


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 How was the concert last night?


 Great, but really crowded. Apparently, loads of people were turned at the door.


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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.


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 It's time a new car.


 Why? What's wrong with the one you've got?

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?

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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

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.

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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.

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Man

What's wrong with your personal assistant?

Woman

I'm not happy with his performance at work and I've just let him know in no uncertain terms.

Man

Well, you don't exactly mince your words, do you?

What does the man mean by his SECOND comment?

- You don't always say exactly what you mean.
- You always communicate precisely and effectively.
- You don't always tell people exactly what you think.

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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.

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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

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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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

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, twice

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

herself 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 a

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.