

Select a word or phrase to complete each conversation.



Why did you decide to another job?

I wasn't happy with the one I had.



look out

look for

look up

look at

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I was off school all last week - I was feeling really ill.

Oh, I'm sorry that. What was the matter?



to hear

I heard

hearing

to have heard

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Were you surprised to hear about the hospital closures?

Not at all. Government ministers about shutting down local hospitals long before it actually happened.



had been talking

have been talking

will have been talking

ought to have been talking

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You speak Italian really well. Did you study it at school?

No, I didn't. I lived in Rome for a bit and taught .



me

to me

myself

by myself

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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

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I've had a look through that employment contract for the new temp. There are a few additional clauses which the lawyer has advised us to include.

No problem. I'll it this afternoon.



renew

amend

refine

adapt

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I'm really struggling with this creative writing project. I just don't know what to write about.

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



dwel on

resort to

draw on

revert to

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What was that noise?

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



crunched

snapped

banged

popped

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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

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It's time a new car.

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 SECOND comment?

☐ It's pointless discussing the issue.

☐ Your opinion isn't valuable to me.

☒ I'm fed up with you not listening.

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.

Man

I see the train drivers are preparing for strike action again next week.

Woman

I don't suppose anything will come of it, though.

Man

I wish I could share your optimism.

What does the man mean by his SECOND comment?

☐ I'm frustrated by your attitude.

☒ I'm afraid I can't agree with you.

☐ I'm finding it hard to believe you.

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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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Man

It's a shame you won't be able to come and see the film with us.

Woman

Well, I really wanted to, but the buses stop so early, I wouldn't be able to get home.

Man

Oh, I'm sure one of us can put you up. It would be no trouble at all.

What does the man mean in his second turn?

☐ Someone can take the woman back to her house.

☐ Someone will find a hotel for the woman.

☒ The woman can stay at someone's house.

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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

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.

Woman

I see that Edward Seymour is leaving the Royal Opera.

Man

Yes, and apparently he's going for good.

What does the man mean?

Edward Seymour will be getting a better position.

Edward Seymour wants to earn more money.

Edward Seymour is never coming back.

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Man

Apparently that Head of Department job might finally be coming my way.

Woman

Well, that's a turn-up for the books!

The woman is ...

voicing her regret.

expressing her surprise.

passing on her good wishes.

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?

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 **come** 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 **for** 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, **having** twice won the annual Women's World Weightlifting Competition. Her success has **made** 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.