

Read the conversation. Then select the correct answer from the options below. 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. Man I see the train drivers are preparing for strike action again next week. 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. Read the conversation. Then select the correct answer from the options below. Man How was your holiday? Well, apart from being stranded at the airport for 24 hours, it was idyllic. 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.

I really like going swimming. 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. 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. Read the conversation. Then select the correct answer from the options below. 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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Well, was skydiving everything it was cracked up to be?

Mar

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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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.

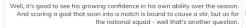
He had hoped to be shown a house in a different neighbourhood.

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What did you think of Wendell's performance today? Would you agree that his debut at national level can't be far away?

Mar





## 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 man is not prepared to comment on speculation about the player's selection for the national team.

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Why was Josh so quiet at practice this evening?

Mar

He's been messing around so much recently, it's been annoying everyone. I told him if he doesn't stop it, he's off the team.



Woman



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

What does the woman mean by her SECOND comment?

You don't always tell people exactly what you think.

You always communicate precisely and effectively.

You don't always say exactly what you mean.

Complete the text. Write ONE word in each space.

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 throug 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.

Listen and choose the correct answer.

A man and a woman are talking about plays that are performed on the radio.



What does the man think about them?



Listen and choose the correct answer.

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



Why did the man remove the tree from his garden?



Listen and choose the correct answer.

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



Why did the man buy the bicycle?



Listen and choose the correct answer.

Two people are talking about a friend called Jane.



Where does Jane live now?



Listen and choose the correct answer.

A young man and woman are talking about a musical charity event the previous evening.



What happened at the event?

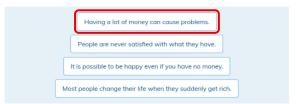


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A man and a woman are talking about money and happiness.



What do they agree about?



Listen and choose the correct answer.

A government minister is being interviewed on a current affairs programme.



The interviewer suggests that the minister ...



Listen and choose the correct answer.

A man is interviewing an award-winning wildlife photographer.



What does the photographer say about her work?



Listen and choose the correct answer.

Two people are talking about art galleries.



What is the woman's opinion of art galleries?



Listen and choose the correct answer.

A man is describing an expedition to climb Mount Everest that he took part in.



How does he feel now, looking back at the trip?

amazed that he was able to reach the summit at all
distressed that he wasn't aware of environmental issues
delighted that he has kept in touch with his companions
disappointed that he didn't absorb more of the atmosphere

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A student is talking about some research she has done into what journalists think about free

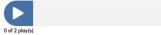


What does she say is the most common concern among journalists about free newspapers?



Listen and choose the correct answer.

The owner of a department store is talking to some managers from the store about a meeting he will hold soon.



The meeting will discuss ways to ...



Listen and choose the correct answer.

A man is talking on local radio about a new tramway service.



Why is the service being introduced?

