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Who's that man with Anna?

I think he's  boyfriend.



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Do you want to play tennis with me on Saturday?

We can't. The courts are being used  the tennis club that day.



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I'm sorry I took the money without asking.

Well, you really ought  it.



Don't worry. It won't happen again.

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You look exhausted. What have you been  ?

Nothing. I had a late night last night, that's all.



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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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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.



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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.



dwell on resort to draw on revert to

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Are you going to go for that promotion? It's a lot of responsibility to take on.

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!



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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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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.

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.

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.

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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

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.

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

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?

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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.

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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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Woman

Why was Josh so quiet at practice this evening?

Man

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.

### 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.

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?

The acting doesn't sound very realistic. The productions make economic sense.

**The listeners exercise their imaginations.**

The times they are broadcast aren't always convenient.

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?

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 is speaking to a woman about his new bicycle.



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.

Two people are talking about a friend called Jane.



Where does Jane live now?

Manchester New York Liverpool **London**

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?

**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.

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



What do they agree about?

**Having a lot of money can cause problems.**

People are never satisfied with what they have.

It is possible to be happy even if you have no money.

Most people change their life when they suddenly get rich.

Listen and choose the correct answer.

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



The interviewer suggests that the minister ...

is providing inaccurate figures. is deliberately not answering the question.

is being unfair to the long-term unemployed.

**is proposing a policy that will not solve the problem.**

Listen and choose the correct answer.

A man is interviewing an award-winning wildlife photographer.



What does the photographer say about her work?

It's essential to have grown up with a wide range of animals.

It's necessary to be a person who enjoys being on their own.

**Patience is the most important quality to develop.**

Being persuasive can prove very useful at times.

Listen and choose the correct answer.

Two people are talking about art galleries.



What is the woman's opinion of art galleries?

They need to train their staff better. They have become too commercial.

They should separate visitors of different ages.

**They need to create better children's programmes.**

Listen and choose the correct answer.

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



0 of 2 play(s)

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

Listen and choose the correct answer.

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



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

They lower journalistic standards.

They have a serious environmental impact.

They take away readers from other newspapers.

They force other newspapers to reduce their prices.

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.



0 of 2 play(s)

The meeting will discuss ways to ...

introduce more stylish goods.

change the way staff are managed.

increase sales of imported products.

develop the shop's physical appearance.

Listen and choose the correct answer.

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



0 of 2 play(s)

Why is the service being introduced?

to make local traffic move more freely

to reduce travel costs for local people

to limit the number of road accidents

to attract new business to the town