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How long have you been in England?



Two months.



And do you [redacted] it in London?

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Good morning madam. Can I help you?



Yes, could I arrange an appointment [redacted] my eyes tested?

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I had to [redacted] that job offer in the end.



Why?



The salary just wasn't good enough.

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- It didn't last very long.
- It was really disappointing.

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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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That's a shame that you won't be here for the party! How come?

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Girl



Dad - Gareth and me have decided we're going to hitchhike all around North America next summer.

Father



Not if I have anything to say about it.

What does the father mean?

- Not until we have talked about this.
- I'm not saying anything about this.
- I don't want you to do that.

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You'd normally do it without a second thought.

What does the man mean?

You should think about this more seriously.

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What point do they agree about?

- They found the work very tiring.
- They were supervised in an effective way.
- They were challenged from the very beginning.
- They appreciated the range of tasks they were given.

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



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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.

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Two people are talking about reactions to a news programme.



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What do the man and woman agree about?

- Experienced speakers should talk about ideas in a reasonable way.
- News discussion programmes don't usually get so many complaints.
- A heated exchange of ideas should not take place without a presenter.
- An animated discussion is a successful way of stimulating interest in a topic.

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A man is being interviewed about his work as a radio journalist.



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What does he say about it?

- Working on the radio often leads to opportunities in other fields.
- A radio journalist has to deal with similar demands to people in other jobs.
- The motivation to go into radio journalism can come from childhood experiences.
- There is a substantial difference between working for local and national radio stations.

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Two people are talking about an exhibition of paintings that they have been to.



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They agree that...

- the paintings are displayed in an effective way.
- there are too many different styles of painting.
- the technical quality of the paintings is generally good.
- the subject matter of the paintings is surprisingly limited.

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What does the man think about his gym membership?

- The fees are more than he can afford.
- Being a gym member fits his life well.
- The money could be better spent on social activities.
- He plans to cancel his gym membership next month.

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A man is talking about running his own restaurant.



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What does he imply about his career in the restaurant business?

- If he'd accepted the airport contract, it would have been a disaster.
- He had a better opportunity to learn innovative techniques working abroad.
- If he'd had less adventurous menus, he wouldn't have achieved what he has.
- If he'd continued working abroad, he might have been even more successful.

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A man is talking about his experience of playing in a team.



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What does he say was the main benefit for him?

- It taught him leadership skills.
- It helped him believe in himself.
- It improved his health and fitness.
- It made him focus less on himself.

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A head teacher is giving a talk.



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Why is he talking to his staff?

- to describe an educational event
- to tell them about a change of date
- to remind them about a history test
- to talk about a school trip to a museum

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A scientist at a nuclear research centre is talking to a group of visitors about his current job.



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What does he appreciate most about his work?

- the opportunity to further his career
- the experience of working with very skilled people
- the ability to achieve something that will benefit mankind
- the excitement that comes from putting theories into practice

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What type of event is he speaking at?

- an award ceremony
- a staff retirement party
- an end-of-term performance
- the opening of a new building

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I like to watch television.

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How far is [] to the bus stop?



Only about five minutes' walk.

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Why did Luke [] home so early?



He wasn't feeling very well.

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Possibly.



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Eva's new business looks like it's thriving.

Man



Honestly, I think she's only just breaking even.

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- The business is hardly making any money.
- The business is losing a lot of money.
- The business is bringing in a lot of money.

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I'm going to throw my hat in the ring for the Managing Director job. What do you think?

Woman



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- I think you're unlikely to succeed.
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Woman



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- expressing her surprise.
- passing on her good wishes.

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What prevents the woman from playing the piano more often?

- Her home is too small for a piano.
- Playing in public embarrasses her.
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- She is encouraged by the support of other users.
- She is annoyed that her progress has been so slow.
- She is nervous about using some of the training machines.
- She is pleased that teachers adapt the classes to her level.

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



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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.

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A woman is being interviewed about a blog that she writes about fashion.



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What claim does she make?

- Fashion blogs tend to be too exclusive.
- Fashions change too frequently nowadays.
- Fashions still vary significantly from one place to another.
- The fashion industry is out of touch with ordinary shoppers.

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A man is interviewing an award-winning wildlife photographer.



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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.
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- Being persuasive can prove very useful at times.

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- They should separate visitors of different ages.
- They need to create better children's programmes.

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



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

- amazed that he was able to reach the summit at all
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What is the teacher trying to do?

- Help the student make a decision.
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- Persuade the student to join her own class.
- Give the student advice about his future career.

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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.

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A student is talking to a school wildlife club about a trip she made to study dolphins.



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What is her main purpose in describing her trip?

- to increase awareness of the problems dolphins are facing
- to stress the hardships some researchers have to endure
- to encourage other students to specialise in marine biology
- to raise money for further research projects in this field

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- an illustrator
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We can't. The courts are being used [redacted] the tennis club that day.

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Well, you really ought [redacted] it.



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

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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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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.

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Listen and choose the correct answer.

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



0 of 2 play(s)

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.



0 of 2 play(s)

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.



0 of 2 play(s)

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.



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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.



0 of 2 play(s)

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.



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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.



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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.



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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.



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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

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

Select a word or phrase to complete each conversation.



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

Select a word or phrase to complete each conversation.



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

Select a word or phrase to complete each conversation.



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

Select a word or phrase to complete each conversation.



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

Select a word or phrase to complete each conversation.



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

Select a word or phrase to complete each conversation.



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

Select a word or phrase to complete each conversation.



What was that noise?



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

crunched
snapped
banged
popped

Select a word or phrase to complete each conversation.



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.

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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.
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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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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



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?

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