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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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How was the concert last night?



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

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Man



You'd normally do it without a second thought.

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You should think about this more seriously.

I think you should do it.

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How far is **to** the bus stop?



Only about five minutes' walk.

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He wasn't feeling very well.

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Possibly.



Then could you ask him to get in touch with me?

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

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

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

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

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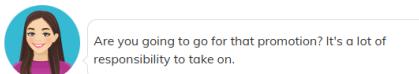
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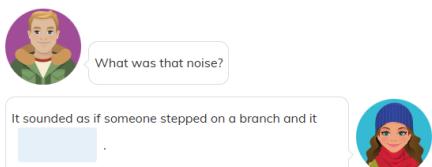


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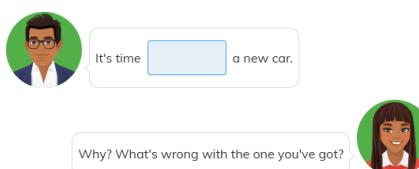
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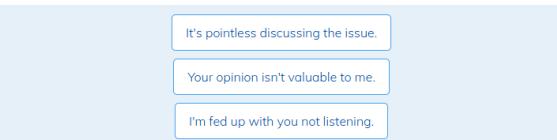


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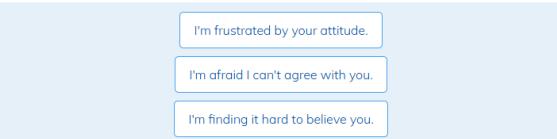


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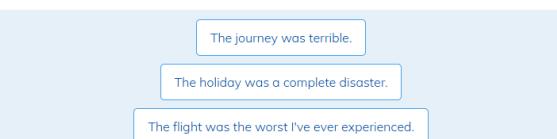


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- look out
- look for
- look up
- look at

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



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

- to hear
- I heard
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Were you surprised to hear about the hospital closure?



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

- had been talking
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No, I didn't. I lived in Rome for a bit and taught **myself**.

- me
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Do you want a drink?



Yes, please. **I'm** really thirsty.

I've **I'll** **I'd** **I'm**

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Could I speak to the manager, please?



Certainly. Who shall I say **to**?

calls **will call** **is calling** **has called**

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There have been a lot of arguments in the staff room this week. I'm not sure whether to get involved.



If I were you, I'd **put** my head down. You don't need problems like that.

put **hold** **keep** **move**

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

Yes. He said **he met** you at the baggage claim at five o'clock.

he met **he meets** **he's met** **he'd meet**

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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 **needn't have brought**. 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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No problem. I'll **amend** it this afternoon.

renew **amend** **refine** **adapt**

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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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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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Woman



Did you check whether Professor Cotts is available to give a talk to our final-year students?

Man



I did, but I'm not too optimistic about the prospect of it happening any time soon.

Woman



I thought as much, but I'd be grateful if you could get in touch the minute anything changes, so I can review my plan should she give a negative response.

What does the woman mean in her second turn?

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- She is appreciative of the man's efforts to arrange the talk.

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Good morning - could I [] to the Sales Manager, please?



I'm sorry - she's not in today.

tell say ask speak

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Look - that's Tim Jones over there.



I don't know [] called Tim Jones.

anyone nobody nothing anything

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This is an interesting article.



Why's that?



A scientist in the States reckons [] global warming that killed the dinosaurs!

it was on being there was to have been

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I was just watching the local news on TV.



Anything to report?



There's been another [] of the flu.

outlet outburst outcome outbreak

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Oh no! The car [] start. Now what do I do?



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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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I don't know what you see in fishing sitting on a river bank for hours on end doing absolutely nothing and finishing the day with a couple of trout.

Brother



You just don't get it, do you? It's not about how many fish you catch.

What does the brother mean?

You can't understand.

You don't understand.

You refuse to understand.

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Mother



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What does the mother mean?

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Not until we have talked about this.

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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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Woman



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

Man



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

Woman



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

What does the woman mean by her SECOND comment?

Someone can take the man back to his house.

The man can stay at someone's house.

Someone will find a hotel for the man.

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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.

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

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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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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?

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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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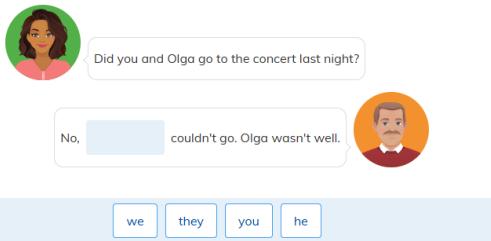
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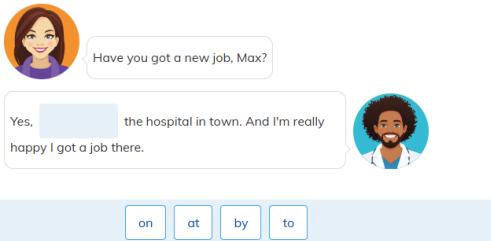


A woman asks if she and Olga went to the concert last night. The man replies that he couldn't go because Olga wasn't well.

Did you and Olga go to the concert last night?
No, [] couldn't go. Olga wasn't well.

we they you he

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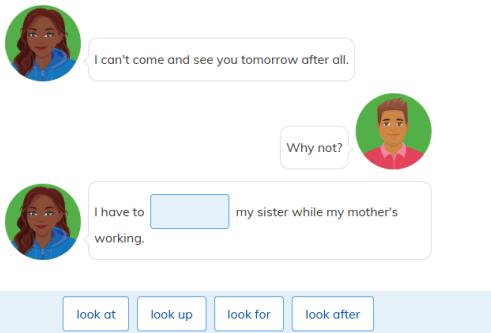


The woman asks if Max has a new job. He replies that he has found a job at the hospital in town.

Have you got a new job, Max?
Yes, [] the hospital in town. And I'm really happy I got a job there.

on at by to

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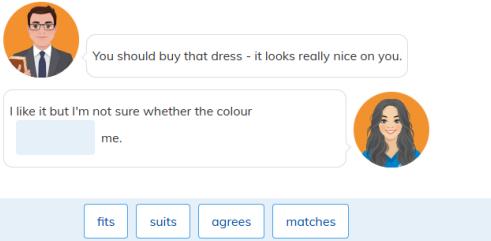


The woman says she can't come and see the man tomorrow. The man asks why. She replies that she has to look after her sister while her mother's working.

I can't come and see you tomorrow after all.
Why not?
I have to [] my sister while my mother's working.

look at look up look for look after

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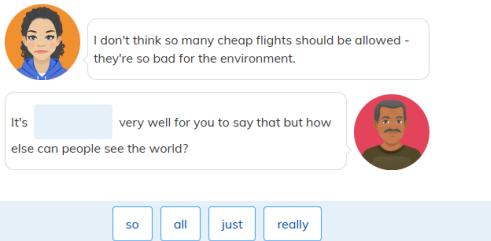


The man suggests the woman buy a dress. She replies that she likes it but is not sure whether the colour suits her.

You should buy that dress - it looks really nice on you.
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fits suits agrees matches

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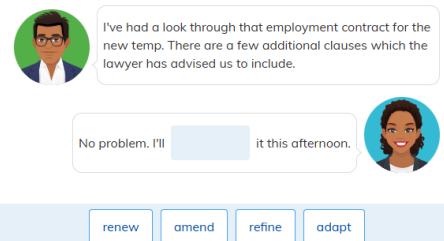


The woman expresses her concern about the environmental impact of cheap flights. The man replies that it's not just her who sees the world this way.

I don't think so many cheap flights should be allowed - they're so bad for the environment.
It's [] very well for you to say that but how else can people see the world?

so all just really

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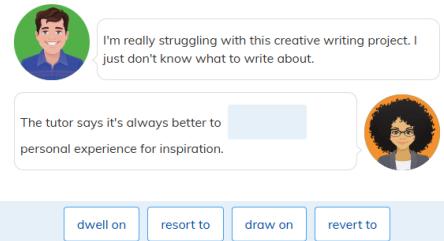


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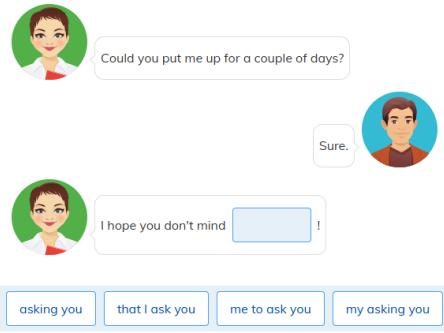


The man is struggling with his creative writing project. The woman suggests drawing on personal experience for inspiration.

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dwell on resort to draw on revert to

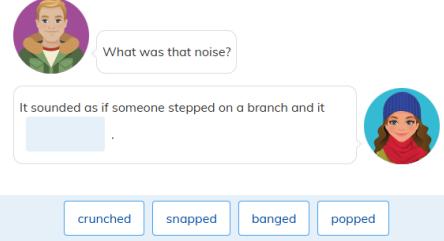
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The woman asks if the man can put her up for a couple of days. He replies that he's sure. The woman then asks if he doesn't mind asking her.

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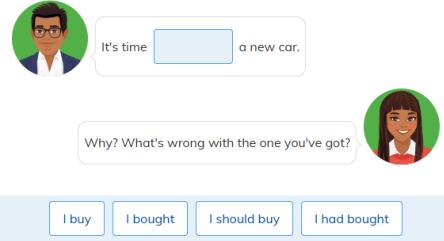


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Don't worry about it. It doesn't start until 8 pm.

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

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

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I really like going to the gym.

Boy



Really? But I hardly ever see you there.

Girl



I always go quite late in the evenings.

What does the boy mean?

He never sees the girl at the gym.

He sometimes sees the girl at the gym.

He always sees the girl at the gym.

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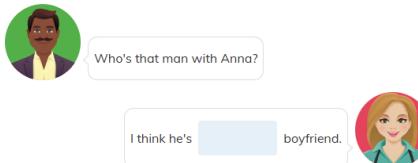
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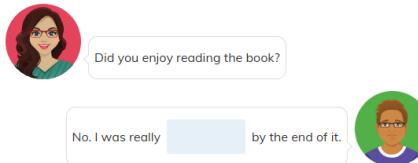
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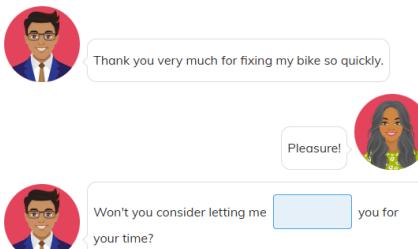
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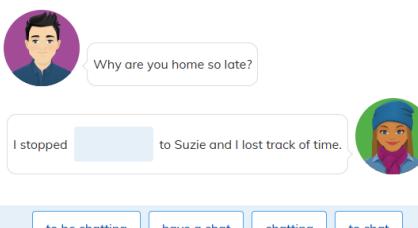
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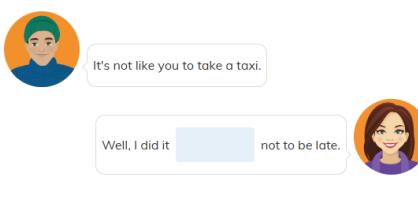
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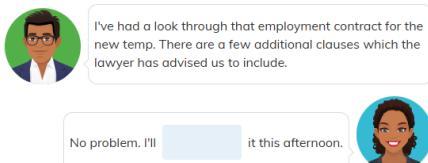
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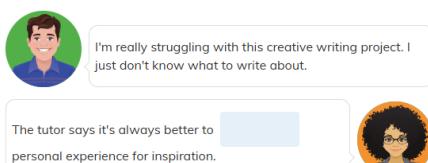
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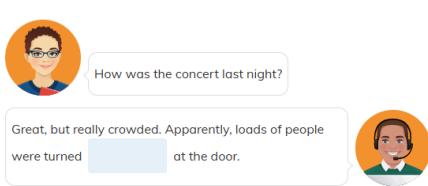
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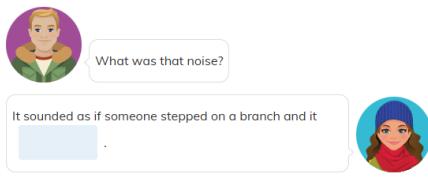
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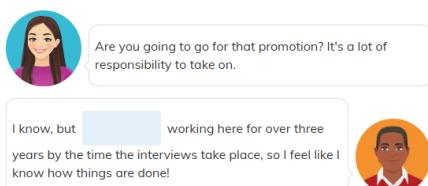
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What does the wife mean by her FIRST comment?

I wish we hadn't bought this house.

We ought to think again about buying this house.

You should have reconsidered buying this house.

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Well, was parachute jumping everything it was cracked up to be?

Woman



I'd say so - there was a lot of hanging around, though.

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I just don't know what's the matter with me. My boss has invited me to a Paris fashion show and I'm struggling to get excited about it.

Man

You'd normally go without a second thought.



What does the man mean?

- I think you should go.
- It's odd that you should feel like that.
- You should think about this more seriously.

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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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Sister

I don't know what you see in fishing sitting on a river bank for hours on end doing absolutely nothing and finishing the day with a couple of trout.

Brother

You just don't get it, do you? It's not about how many fish you catch.



What does the brother mean?

- You can't understand.
- You don't understand.
- You refuse to understand.

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Woman

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What do you usually [] in the evenings?



I like to watch television.

do look have make

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Do you [] if I sit here?



No problem. The seat's free.

like want mind wish

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Do you play tennis?



Yes, but I'm not very good [] it.

at on for with

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So were your kids happy to see you when you got home from your trip?



I don't know if they missed me or my cooking. I had [] walked through the door when they were demanding supper!

really nearly barely simply

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If you're worried about walking home on your own, why don't you take a taxi?



I can't afford to take a bus, [] alone a taxi!

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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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Man



Timothy's business seems to be thriving.

Woman



Actually, I think he's only just about breaking even.

What does the man mean?

- It's losing a lot of money.
- It's bringing in a lot of money.
- It's hardly making any money.

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Woman



Did you check whether Professor Cotts is available to give a talk to our final-year students?

Man



I did, but I'm not too optimistic about the prospect of it happening any time soon.

Woman



I thought as much, but I'd be grateful if you could get in touch the minute anything changes, so I can review my plan should she give a negative response.

What does the woman mean in her second turn?

She is hopeful that the talk may still take place.

She is reluctant to go back on a decision she made about the talk.

She is appreciative of the man's efforts to arrange the talk.

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Mother



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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.
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Did you and Sally go to the meeting last night?

No, **they** couldn't go. Sally wasn't well.



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Where's Jane?

I think she's **doing** her homework in the library.



do did does doing

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

now!

I were! I'd probably be a millionaire by



As if If only Unless Whereas

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I was just watching the local news on TV.

Anything to report?



There's been another **outbreak** of the flu.



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Did the school ever find out who took the computers from the lab?

Not exactly. There was some doubt **as to** their identities.



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It didn't last very long.

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Actually, it's [redacted].



Lucky you!

theirs yours mine hers

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What have you done to your leg?

Oh, I fell over yesterday and it [redacted] hurts now.



so very quite really

Select a word or phrase to complete each conversation.



Could you turn on the news?



Why, what's happening?



Apparently [redacted] an accident in town.

there'll be there'd be there's been there's being

Select a word or phrase to complete each conversation.



Was the meeting successful?



Well, we signed the contract [redacted] the deadline being earlier than we'd expected.

despite however although whereas

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It's time [redacted] a new car.



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

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No, but it's the [redacted] of two evils so we'll have to accept it.



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

Woman



Well, to be honest, I think it's a bit of a long shot.

What does the woman mean?

- I think it's a great idea.
- I think you're unlikely to succeed.
- I don't think you should do that immediately.

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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 really didn't enjoy the school trip!



, it was so boring!

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Come in - you look a bit cold.



Thanks - the wind's so strong it nearly blew my hat .

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I told you we wouldn't like the film.



Yes, you were right.



It was even more frightening than .

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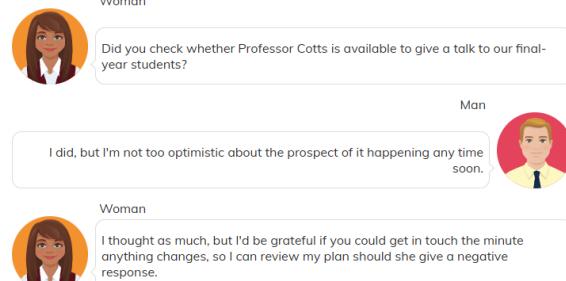


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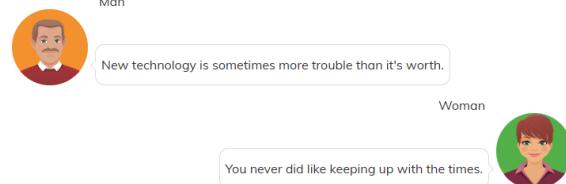


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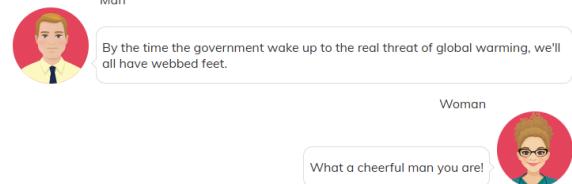


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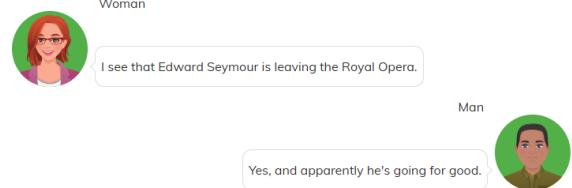


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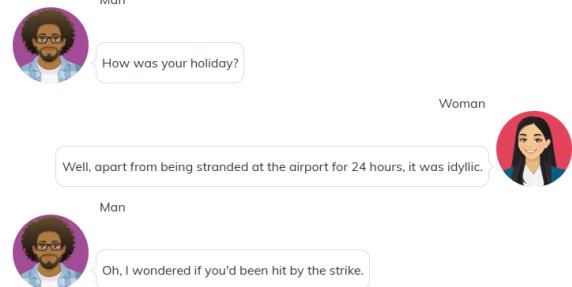


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Husband



Sorry, love. What did you say?

Wife



I might as well be talking to myself!

What does the wife mean by her FIRST comment?

I wish we hadn't bought this house.

We ought to think again about buying this house.

You should have reconsidered buying this house.

Read the conversation. Then select the correct answer from the options below.

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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A woman with blonde hair and a green top asks, "Can you help me? I need a history book." A man with a beard and a blue shirt responds, "Yes, there [redacted] a lot of history books on that shelf over there." Below them is a row of four buttons: "is", "are", "has", and "have".

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A man with a beard and brown hair says, "Look - that's Tim Jones over there." A woman with dark skin and purple hair replies, "I don't know [redacted] called Tim Jones." Below them is a row of four buttons: "anyone", "nobody", "nothing", and "anything".

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Did you check whether Professor Cotts is available to give a talk to our final-year students?

Man



I did, but I'm not too optimistic about the prospect of it happening any time soon.

Woman



I thought as much, but I'd be grateful if you could get in touch the minute anything changes, so I can review my plan should she give a negative response.

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many much a few a lot of

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