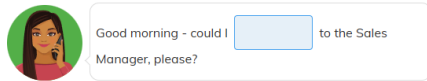


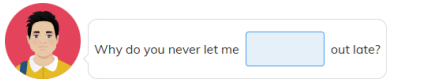
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I'm sorry - she's not in today.

tell say ask **speak**

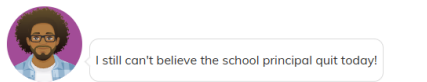
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We're only thinking about your safety, you know.

stay to stay staying stayed

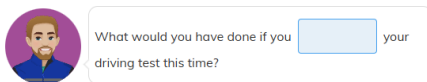
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I'm not surprised. The teachers [] having discussions with him about it long before it actually happened.

had been have been would have been ought to have been

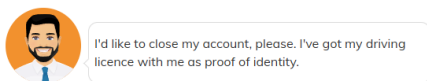
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I've no idea! I don't like to think about it!

don't pass didn't pass **hadn't passed** haven't passed

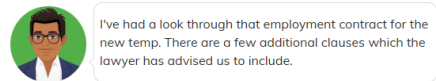
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Oh, you [] that. I just have to check your details on the computer and get your signature.

needn't have brought shouldn't have to bring mustn't have brought wouldn't have to bring

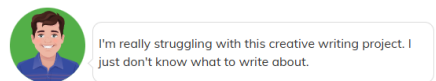
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No problem. I'll [] it this afternoon.

renew **amend** refine adapt

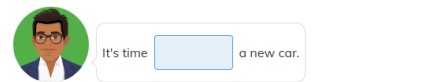
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The tutor says it's always better to [] personal experience for inspiration.

dwell on resort to **draw on** revert to

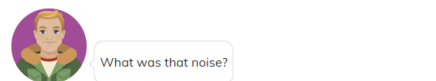
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Why? What's wrong with the one you've got?

I buy **I bought** I should buy I had bought

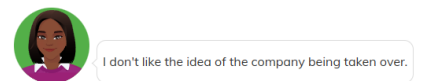
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It sounded as if someone stepped on a branch and it [].

crunched **snapped** banged popped

Select a word or phrase to complete each conversation.



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

slighter **lesser** minor least

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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

Man

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

Woman

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

What does the man mean?

Was parachute jumping as difficult as people say it is?

Was parachute jumping as scary as people say it is?

Was parachute jumping as good as people say it is?

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

Woman

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

Man

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

What does the woman mean?

The business is hardly making any money.

The business is losing a lot of money.

The business is bringing in a lot of money.

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.

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 **become** 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 **down**

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, **and** twice

won the annual Women's World Weightlifting Competition. Her success has

put 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.