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What's for dessert?

There's ice-cream in the freezer.



any lots much **some**

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You met Mr Smith at the last meeting. ?

Er ... I don't think so.



don't you hadn't you **didn't you** haven't you

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Could you turn on the news?

Why, what's happening?



Apparently an accident in town.

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

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When did you realize your bag?

When I tried to pay for my lunch.



you lose **you'd lost** you've lost you were losing

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I don't like the idea of the company being taken over.

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



slighter lesser minor **least**

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How was the concert last night?

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



up off out **away**

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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

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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.



renew **amend** refine adapt

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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.



dwel on resort to **draw on** revert to

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Could you put me up for a couple of days?

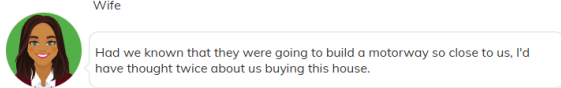
Sure.



I hope you don't mind !

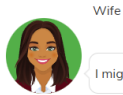
asking you that I ask you me to ask you **my asking you**

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Husband

Sorry, love. What did you say?



I might as well be talking to myself!

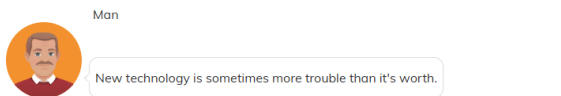
What does the wife mean by her SECOND comment?

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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Woman

You never did like keeping up with the times.



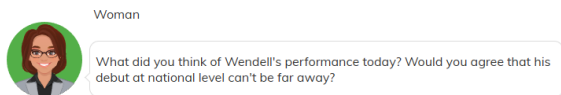
What does the man mean?

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

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.



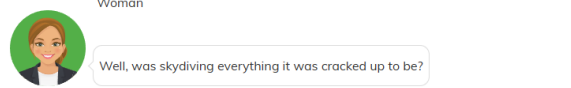
What does the man mean?

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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Man

Pretty much - all over in a flash though.



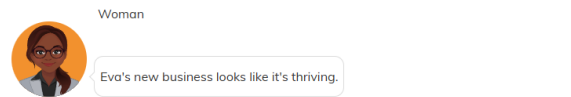
What does the woman mean?

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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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.

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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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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

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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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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Man

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.

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.