Answer key

**Task 1**.

1. **Wouldn’t** it be **better** to wait until next year?

**2.** Your patch **doesn’t seem** **to work**

**3.** So **I’m afraid** it seems like **we might miss** the deadline.

4. Mm, **wouldn’t** this be **a bit** too difficult with the limited time?

5**. I’m afraid** it **doesn’t seem** to offer a real solution to the problem.

6. **Don’t you think** it **would** be **better** not to make any changes?

**Wouldn’t** itbe **better** not to make any changes?

7. The interface **seems (a bit / quite) difficult to use.**

It **seems that the interface is (a bit /quite) difficult to use)**

8. It **might / would** be **better to use another approach / a more effective approach**

**Task 2.**

(a) Could you speak up a bit, please?

(b) Can I get this clear? You’re saying that it won’t be finished by next week?

(c ) Hang on… I’m trying to sort the problem out.

(d) So if I understand you correctly, the deadline will be extended?

(e) What’s the weather like in San Francisco?

(f) How’s it going, Mike? What’s new?

(g) I’m afraid I didn’t catch it. You’re breaking up a little bit.

(h) How’s your day been so far, Jake?

(i) Sorry about that. Please bear with me - we’re trying to fix the problems with the sound.

(j) Sorry, guys, I was/got cut off.