Answer the following questions

How to **prompt/ strike**  a conversation with a stranger ?

Do you **belabour** unaddressed issues at work ?

Do you **go over old ground** to take revenge on sb?

How often do you **touch base** with your colleagues in order to pinpoint obscure matters ?

Do you **embellish** your achievements during your yearly appraisal?

Do you tend to **waffle on** unfamiliar issues without letting your interlocuter about your oblivion?

Do you **take on board** suggestions made by your parents regarding your life?

If you can’t **get your word in edgeways** does it mean that you can’t involve yourself in a conversation?

**Fill in the gaps with the right expression**

**grain, stretch, spot, press, wildfire, mouth, talk,**

1. **to take something with a …………………… of salt**

“It’s always a good idea to take what you read on the internet with a ………………….of salt.

1. **to ………………………the truth**

Politicians might not tell outright lies in their speeches, but they certainly tend to ………………………… the truth

1. **straight from the horse’s ……………………….**

This is not speculation; I’m getting this information straight from the horse’s ………………………

1. **to spread like ……………………….**

Bad news spreads like ………………………

1. **to put someone on the ………………….**

“One of my students always puts me on the …………………… by asking difficult grammar questions.”

1. **to ……………………….something/someone up**

My interviewer was …………………….. up the position, but I could see through it. It didn’t sound like a good opportunity

1. **Hot off the …………………..**

I just got it **hot off the ……………………….**: another bank has gone bankrupt.