

Conversation 1

A: Oh, I've had such a bad day!

B: Oh! Why?

A: First off, I was late for work. My train was cancelled and I had to wait for a bus and then it got stuck in traffic; ...

B: That's a bad start.

A: I know, right? So, I finally got to work and my boss called me into her office and asked why I was late, so I explained, and then she asked for the sales report. I'd forgotten about it! I was supposed to work on it yesterday but, you know, it just . So I said I'd get it for her and I back to my desk, got hold of the figures and then I wrote the report in five seconds and then emailed it to her.

B: Did she realise you'd forgotten about it?

A: I think she must have guessed.

Conversation 2

C: Did you see that programme on TV last night?

D: There were of programmes on TV last night! Which one?

C: The comedy, you know, about the family ...

D: Oh the family with five children?

C: Yes, that's the one.

D: Oh that! Yes, it was brilliant.

C: It was so funny, wasn't it? I nearly died laughing!

D: Me too. The main character is great.

C: Yeah, she's . The way she deals with her children ...

D: I know. It .

Conversation 3

E: Hi Mum! How's it going?

F: Oh, fine dear, thank you. How are you?

E: We're all fine. How's the weather there?

F: Terrible. It's freezing today. This is going to last the whole week.

E: Oh, poor you.

F: Yes. We're all suffering from . I guess it's lovely there in Sydney as always?

E: Actually, it's . Everyone is down at the beach trying to keep cool.

F: Oh dear, sounds awful.

E: I know!

Conversation 4

G: Things all right?

H: Yeah, not bad. You know, I'm as always.

G: I know how you feel.

H: It's , isn't it?

G: I've got ; to write.

H: Me too.

G: It's best not to think about it. Just the job in hand.

H: That's right. Well, can't stand around chatting all day. Better get back to it!

G: Yep –

Conversation 5

I: So, how was your weekend?
J: Oh, yeah, it was quite good, thanks.
I: Did you do anything special?
J: We went to that new sports centre near the university. Have you been? It's amazing.
I: No, I haven't.
J: It's got tennis courts and an indoor pool and everything.
I: Sounds very [redacted]
J: It [redacted] to join, but if you just want to go on a Sunday, you can [redacted] fee and use it for that day. Then it's quite reasonable.
I: I'll have to [redacted]
J: What about you. How was your weekend?
I: Oh, nothing special, really. I went to see a film on Saturday but I [redacted] concentrate on it. The girl next to me, her phone kept buzzing and pinging. I asked her nicely, but she wouldn't turn it off. I [redacted]!
J: That's so annoying!

Conversation 6

K: Have you seen what he's got on today?
L: Who?
K: You know who – my boss! The head of design.
L: No – what's he wearing?
K: Skinny jeans and trainers!
L: No! At his age? I bet you [redacted]
K: I just smiled at him and told him he looked very smart!
L: He thinks he's still a teenager.
K: He'll get an earring and a tattoo soon.
L: Don't! I'll just [redacted] if he does.
K: I just think you should dress sensibly for work, you know.
L: Exactly! What's wrong with a shirt and tie and a decent pair of shoes?

Conversation 7

M: I'm [redacted] Are you hungry?
O: Not yet.
M: I could really do with something to eat.
O: Hey, do you remember that time you were starving in Texas and you ordered the Chef's Special?
M: Oh yeah! They brought me that [redacted] plate of food – it was [redacted].
O: The look on your face!
M: I ate most of it though, didn't I?
O: Yeah, you did, but you didn't enjoy it!