

[D] = direct speech; [I] = indirect speech; [Q] = comprehension question

1. Julie and Mark had been classmates and have not seen each other for years. Today, they met in the local supermarket and Julie started a conversation about career paths.

[D] She said: "My life has been amazing! After merely three years, I'm now a solicitor."

[I] She said that her life had been amazing, and that after merely three years, she now was a solicitor.

2. One of Melanie's students, Jason, came into her office and said he could not reach her this morning. Melanie was confused because she had been in her office the whole time.

[D] She said: "Well, in that case, there must be something wrong with my telephone."

[I] She said that in that case, there must be something wrong with her telephone.

[Q] Did Jason try to phone Melanie in the morning?

3. A Blackwell book store has recently opened in Edinburgh. Today, Alexia, a young mother living nearby, came in and asked for advice.

[D] She said: "It's my son's birthday tomorrow and I would like to purchase some storybooks on adventure."

[I] She said that it was her son's birthday soon and she would like to purchase some storybooks on adventure.

4. It was 5.30 pm and everybody was ready to leave the office. At one desk, Elaine was having a brief chat with Steven about her work.

[D] She said: "Gosh, the amount of admin is killing me at the moment. I feel completely exhausted."

[I] She said that the amount of admin was killing her at the moment, and that she felt completely exhausted.

5. It was February 14. Carolyn and Tony were on a date at the newly opened Chinese restaurant. The past couple of weeks, Carolyn was desperately trying to lose some weight.

[D] So she said to Tony: "Oh, I hope you don't mind if I'm just having a starter."

[I] So she said to Tony that hopefully he wouldn't mind if she were just having a starter.

6. Ramona and Keith were postgraduate students in Linguistics. Today, they met in the local café and Ramona started chatting about her favourite subjects.

[D] She said: "Latin is boring! I'm much more interested in Eastern languages."

[I] She said that she found Latin boring and that she was much more interested in Eastern languages.

7. Derek's birthday was just a couple of days away and his girlfriend Ruby had arranged something special. Tonight Ruby decided to unveil the plan that she kept hidden from him for so long.

[D] Over dinner, she said to Derek: "Well, your birthday is coming up soon, so I booked us tickets to London to visit the opera."

[I] Over dinner, she revealed to Derek that since his birthday was coming up soon, she booked them tickets to London to visit the opera.

[Q] Was Ruby's birthday coming up soon?

8. At the party on Friday night, some new faces were to be seen. Clare immediately caught Justin's eye, which went over to her and offered her a drink.

[D] Clare replied: "Thanks very much, but I actually don't drink any alcohol."

[I] Clare thanked him and mentioned that she actually doesn't drink any alcohol.

[Q] Did Justin catch Clare's eye?

9. Alison and Nick travelled to Beijing during the Olympics. Alison was amazed by the fine fabric on offer when they entered a big silk market.

[D] She said to Nick: "I could buy the whole lot of it! The silk feels so incredibly smooth."

[I] She said to Nick that she could buy the whole lot of it, and that the silk felt so incredibly smooth.

10. In the office, Ned told Daniela that his car had been damaged during an accident the other day. Daniela was sorry to hear that and tried to comfort him.

[D] She said: "Well, at least you should get some money back from the insurance."

[I] She said that at least he should get some money back from the insurance.

[Q] Had Ned's car been damaged?

11. At the department store, Colleen was busy working. She was serving a customer who wanted to know where he could buy some cosmetics for his wife.

[D] She replied: "Ah, cosmetics are actually on the second floor. Some of them are at a discount."

[I] She replied that cosmetics were actually on the second floor, adding that some of them were at a discount.

12. Jenny and Irvin were about to start a holiday trip to Barcelona. When they arrived at the airport to check in, Jenny noticed that a heavy thunderstorm was brewing outside.

[D] She complained: "That's so unfair! I'm sure the plane will be delayed."

[I] She complained that this was so unfair because she was sure that the plane would be delayed.

13. Britney is a student at the University of Glasgow. After a heavy snow in the afternoon, she was complaining to her boyfriend James about the weather.

[D] She said: "I really hate the winter! It's always dark and the roads are too slippery."

[I] She said that she really hated the winter because it's always dark and the roads are too slippery.

14. Jasmine had been ill for a week so her brother Colin took her to the doctor. After an hour, Jasmine came back to the waiting room looking rather disgruntled.

[D] She complained: "The treatment was absolutely useless! Next time, I'd rather go to a specialist."

[I] She complained that the treatment was absolutely useless and that, next time, she'd rather go to a specialist.

15. A famous symphony was going to be played for free at the university concert hall. Kate and Andrew were reading the advert, and Kate looked particularly interested.

[D] She said: "It sounds really good and it's for free! I'm definitely going to that concert."

[I] She said that it sounded really good and that it was for free, adding that she would definitely go to that concert.

16. On Valentine's Day, Simon at long last worked up the courage to propose to Emma. Emma wasn't sure, but at the same time, she didn't want to upset him.

[D] So she explained: "You are a really nice bloke, Simon, but I'm simply not ready for such a commitment."

[I] So she explained that although she thought he was a really nice bloke, she was simply not ready for such a commitment.

17. Two college students were talking about on-line shopping. Fraser thought it was pointless and boring, but Brenda couldn't disagree more.

[D] She said: "What!? On-line shopping is absolutely amazing! I just snapped up some really cheap DVDs on Amazon."

[I] She said she found on-line shopping absolutely amazing, and that she had just snapped up some really cheap DVDs on Amazon.

[Q] Did Fraser find on-line shopping boring?

18. It was quarter past seven and the Aberdeen Stock House was serving dinner. Debbie and Mike were very pleased with the meal and Debbie in particular was totally smitten.

[D] She said: "We have to come here more often. The fish was really tasty and the soup was absolutely delicious."

[I] She said that they should go there more often because the fish was really fresh and the soup was absolutely delicious.

19. It was 6-year-old Herbert's first day at school. His mother Laura, who had never let him play with other children before, was very anxious.

[D] She said to her husband: "I'm really not sure whether Herbert is ready for this. I'd rather wait for another year."

[I] She said to her husband that she was really not sure whether Herbert was ready for this, and that she'd rather wait for another year.

20. In order to finish the project in time, Audrey had been working in the office from 7am to 8pm without taking a break. Her colleague Sean just came back from dinner with a big smile on his face, which obviously upset her a bit.

[D] She complained: "It's so unfair! My stomach has been rumbling all day. I could eat a whole elephant."

[I] She complained that it was so unfair because her stomach had been rumbling all day, and that she could eat a whole elephant.

21. Cheryl and Barry were in the waiting lounge for their honeymoon flight to Paris. Shortly before boarding time, Cheryl noticed that her handbag was damaged.

[D] She shouted: "Oh no! There's a hole in my bag! Don't tell me I've lost my passport!..."

[I] She shouted that there was a hole in her bag. She was worried that she had lost her passport.

[Q] Was Barry's bag broken?

22. It was eight o' clock in the evening when the Britain's Got Talent live recording session had finished. On their way out of the theatre, Sarah and Ross were having a giggle over some of the auditions.

[D] Sarah said: "The jugglers at the end were funny, weren't they? Quite pathetic, actually, but very entertaining."

[I] Sarah found that the jugglers at the end were very funny – quite pathetic, actually, but very entertaining.

23. Jessica and John were enjoying a hot and sunny day at the holiday resort in Spain. When they were heading towards their usual spot on the beach, Jessica was slightly overwhelmed by the heat.

[D] She said: "Phew, this is almost a bit too hot for me! Perhaps we should first go back for a drink under the sunshade."

[I] She said that it was almost a bit too hot for her, and suggested to first go back for a drink under the sunshade.

24. In the small town of Oban lies this charming little pub. One day, famous writer Aileen burst in with a big smile on her face.

[D] She said: "Guess what – my new novel has been accepted for publication! I'll buy everyone a round."

[I] She said that her new novel had been accepted for publication and that she wanted to buy everyone a round.

25. Theatrical agent Peter was visited by one of his clients. Shauna, a talented but struggling actress and singer, was desperate for a part in the new musical.

[D] She said: "It's embarrassing to say, but without this job, I won't even be able to pay for electricity."

[I] She was embarrassed to say that without this job, she wouldn't even be able to pay for electricity.

[Q] Was it Mary who visited Peter?

26. It was Sunday afternoon when housewife Heather was tidying up the bedroom. After just two minutes, she came out of the bedroom and confronted her husband Ben.

[D] She said: "I can't believe how messy you are! The first thing I found on the floor was your dirty pyjamas!"

[I] She said that she could not believe how messy he was, and that the first thing she found on the floor was his dirty pyjamas.

27. Morton needed to speak to his project supervisor Marianne at her office. When he asked whether she could spare a minute, she seemed rather busy.

[D] She replied: "I'm really sorry, but I have to finish marking some essays first."

[I] She replied that she was really sorry and that she had to finish marking some essays first.

28. It was Christmas Eve and everyone was drinking and dancing at the local pub. Judith was already quite tipsy when she noticed that George was with a girl she had not seen before.

[D] She went over and complained to George: "You've actually never told me that you had such a beautiful sister."

[I] She went over and complained to George that he actually never told her that he had such a beautiful sister.

[Q] Was Judith George's sister?

29. Maureen had helped David a lot with his coursework, so David wanted to invite her for dinner. Asked what kind of food she would fancy, Maureen first thought for a second.

[D] Then she replied: "I'm normally not that adventurous, but perhaps I should try some sushi."

[I] Then she replied that although she would normally not be that adventurous, perhaps she should try some sushi.

30. Jane was a new post-graduate at the department. When she signed up at the Sports Club, she was having a conversation with Gregg about her favourite sports.

[D] She said: "Oh, I haven't practised a lot recently, but I used to be quite good at tennis."

[I] She said that although she had not practised a lot recently, she used to be quite good at tennis.

31. Leon and Betty were trying to get a mortgage for a new flat. While Betty was studying the relevant newspaper adverts, Leon was browsing some web-sites.

[D] After a while, he said to Betty: "Hmm, these days, it looks as if nobody would give us an instant cashback."

[I] After a while, he said to Betty that it looked as if nobody would give them an instant cashback.

32. Marcus and Helen were planning a trip to Europe for their wedding anniversary. Marcus was leaning more towards Prague while Helen preferred Rome.

[D] Marcus explained: "Okay, Rome is nice, but the Czechs actually have much better beer."

[I] Marcus explained that Rome would be nice, but that the Czechs would actually have much better beer.

33. Bill and Dianne went out bowling together. When Dianne wanted to pick a ball of her favourite colour, Bill looked a bit worried.

[D] He said: "That one looks quite heavy. I'd rather pick the green one which I think is much smaller."

[I] He said that the ball looked quite heavy and that he'd rather pick the green one which he thought was much smaller.

[Q] Was Dianne going to pick a heavy ball at first?

34. Rob and Becky were buying duvet covers at the store. When Becky chose a bright red one, Rob was completely against the colour.

[D] He said: "No way! Just imagine that every morning you'd be waking up in a sea of blood!"

[I] He asked Becky just to imagine that every morning she would be waking up in a sea of blood.

[Q] Did Becky fancy a red duvet cover?

35. Harry and Leona were enjoying an afternoon walk in the park. When they were approaching the pond, Harry was impressed by this peaceful place.

[D] He said: "This is so relaxing after a busy week! It is almost magical."

[I] He found that it was so relaxing after a busy week, and that it was almost magical.

36. Schoolteacher Edward recently caused a stir by marrying Lynda, one of his ex-pupils. Annoyed by all the gossip, Edward told Lynda to simply not listen to what people say.

[D] He said: "I think there's nothing wrong about a teacher marrying a former student."

[I] He said that he thought there was nothing wrong about a teacher marrying a former student.

[Q] Had Lynda been Edward's teacher?

37. After making a small fortune in the lottery, Pamela bought quite an expensive car. Today in the car park, her colleague Ralph was extremely impressed by her new possession.

[D] He said: "Wow! Is that your new car? It looks really stylish."

[I] He asked her whether that was her new car, adding that it looked really stylish.

[Q] Was Pamela impressed by Ralph's new car?

38. Brian invited some of his mates home and started making a mess in the kitchen. His mum was obviously not happy about this, and Brian was quick to offer an excuse.

[D] He told her: "Well, we just had a couple of drinks because the pubs are already closed."

[I] He told her that they just had a couple of drinks because the pubs were already closed.

39. Daniel was injured in a car crash last week. At the hospital, he was quickly recovering. Today, he was surprised that some distant relatives came to visit him.

[D] Not without sarcasm, Daniel said: "Oh, looks as if one has to get hurt to get some flowers."

[I] Not without sarcasm, Daniel said that it looked as if one had to get hurt to get some flowers.

40. Jacob had promised Cindy to buy a bonsai tree to decorate their living room. When Cindy wanted to place the plant by the television, he tried to persuade her of an alternative option.

[D] He said: "Look, if you do that, there will be no sunlight for the bonsai, so it's better to place it by the window."

[I] He said that if she did that, there would be no sunlight for the bonsai, so it was better to place it by the window.

41. PhD student Ella was summoned to her supervisor Jim's office to give a report on her current progress. When Ella asked for an extension, Jim looked concerned.

[D] He said: "Hmm, we really need those data in by next month for that conference."

[I] He said that they really needed those data in by next month for that conference.

[Q] Was Ella Jim's PhD student?

42. Albert was taking Joanne to the new Schwarzenegger movie. Albert was very excited, but since Joanne seemed not very keen, he tried to persuade her to go with him.

[D] He said: "Come on! I'm sure you will love it! The movie has some really cool special effects."

[I] He said he was sure she would love it, and that the movie had some really cool special effects.

43. Neil and Stephanie were visiting the local distillery. Neil was amazed by the range of different Whiskeys produced, and he tried a very expensive Single Malt.

[D] He said: "Gee, that's a strong one! I'm glad I won't have to drive us home."

[I] He said it was really strong and that he was glad he didn't have to drive them home.

[Q] Did Neil try a Single Malt?

44. Clive and his wife Molly visited the new seafood restaurant for the first time. Clive was extremely anxious about food poisoning and did not want to have anything raw.

[D] So he said to Molly: "I don't care what other people might think, but I will order properly cooked oysters."

[I] So he said to Molly that, regardless of what other people might think, he would order properly cooked oysters.

45. Luke and his friends were watching a movie at the cinema. Luke wasn't particularly keen on romantic comedies, and he was complaining a lot after the film.

[D] He said: "God, that movie was terrible! I've never been so bored in my life."

[I] He said that the movie was terrible and that he had never been so bored in his life.

46. On the train to London, Thomas was very nervous about his upcoming job interview. When he reached for a cigarette to calm himself down, the middle-aged man next to him complained instantly.

[D] The man called out: "Oi! Smoking on public transport is illegal!"

[I] He called out that smoking on public transport was illegal.

47. During a coffee break, university teachers Robert and Isabel met in the common room. Robert was slightly irritated with the mess in the kitchen.

[D] He said to Isabel: "Look at this! Certain people must always leave their dirty mugs on the table."

[I] He said to Isabel that, obviously, certain people must always leave their dirty mugs on the table.

[Q] Was Isabel complaining about the dirty mugs?

48. School teachers Duncan and Liana were arguing about the curriculum. Apparently, Duncan was not a big fan of Liana's modern style of teaching.

[D] He said: "If my own children were at this school, I'd make sure they would never have to attend your lessons."

[I] He said that if his own children were at this school, he'd make sure they would never have to attend her lessons.

49. It was getting quite late and most of Andrea's friends were about to leave her party. Scott in particular seemed to have had a great time when he was leaving.

[D] He said: "Sorry about the crack in that glass. The party was absolutely fantastic."

[I] He apologised for the crack in that glass, adding that the party was absolutely fantastic.

[Q] Did Scott throw a party?

50. Doug always enjoyed a bit of gardening in his spare time. He recently bought a new lawnmower, but he was quite frustrated because it simply refused to work.

[D] He complained: "Sod it! Things used to be much better in the past. All one can buy these days is rubbish!"

[I] He complained that things used to be much better in the past, and that all one can buy these days was rubbish.

51. After class, Roy had a serious conversation with one of his pupils. The boy had been accused of bullying and Roy was giving him a caution.

[D] Roy said: "If the accusations are true, you will be in serious trouble. One cannot tolerate such kind of behaviour."

[I] Roy said that if the accusations were true, the boy would be in serious trouble, and that one cannot tolerate such kind of behaviour.

52. In the board room, assistant manager Craig was giving a presentation on how to improve the company's sales figures. When he noticed that his boss was anything but impressed, Craig used his lack of experience as an excuse.

[D] He said: "Sorry, this is actually my first ever presentation and I'm probably not very persuasive."

[I] He said that this was actually his first ever presentation, and that he was probably not very persuasive.

53. Alice was working in a small antiques shop down the local high street. Today, a weird-looking man with greasy hair and thick glasses came into the shop.

[D] He looked around and said: "You may be surprised to learn that I'm a world-renowned collector of rare pheasant paintings."

[I] He looked around and said that she might be surprised to learn that he was a world-renowned collector of rare pheasant paintings.

54. Ray and Sandra were on a trip to the countryside for the weekend. Ray quite liked the outdoors and particularly that rural smell.

[D] He said: "Aah, this is so much better than crowded cities and pollution."

[I] He said that it was so much better than crowded cities and pollution.

55. Earlier in the afternoon, Max and Janis were having a cigarette in front of the main entrance. Not knowing what to say, Max started his typical conversation about the weather.

[D] He said: "Gosh, it's quite windy today – but at least it's not raining."

[I] He said that although it was quite windy today, at least it was not raining.

56. A journalist was interviewing Eric, the older brother of a famous pop diva. Eric did not really enjoy the attention he was given and wasn't sure what to say.

[D] He proclaimed: "I actually don't see my sister very often these days. She is completely devoted to her career."

[I] He proclaimed that he actually did not see his sister very often in those days, and that she was completely devoted to her career.

57. Thomas went to the local McDonalds and incidentally met Sheena, who he knew from former Weight Watchers meetings. Naturally, they were both quite embarrassed, but Thomas finally broke the silence.

[D] He said: "Weight Watchers is rubbish, isn't it. I've tried so many diets but I'm still overweight."

[I] He said that Weight Watchers was rubbish, and that he had tried so many diets but was still overweight.

58. A car-boot sale was taking place in the neighbourhood and Kenny was trying to get rid of some of the old records he owned since the 1970s. A trendy young woman appeared to be very interested, so Kenny started advertising.

[D] He said: "I can give you three albums for a fiver. You won't find any of that stuff on the internet."

[I] He said that he could give her three albums for a fiver, adding that she wouldn't find any of that stuff on the internet.

59. A trendy night club had been recently opened near Marvin's flat and it proved instantly popular. However, Marvin often felt disturbed by the noise, and this morning he was complaining to the neighbours about it.

[D] He said: "This is unbelievable! Every time I have to work early hours, they are having a bash!"

[I] He said that every time he has to work early hours, they are having a bash.

60. Carl, a taxi driver, was about to drive home when suddenly he saw a man by the road frantically waving his arms. Carl stopped and the man offered him double the fare if they make it to the airport within ten minutes.

[D] Carl replied: "I'll try my best, mate, but cannot work any miracles."

[I] Carl replied that he would try his best, but that he could not work any miracles.

61. It was 11am in the morning when the fire alarm went off. Hearing people running down the corridors, Mary grabbed her jacket and burst into Peter's office next door.

[D] She shouted: "Peter, quick, we have to leave immediately because the building is on fire!"

[I] She urged Peter to leave immediately because the building was on fire.

62. It was early Tuesday morning when Claire was looking for the train tickets she left in one of her handbags the other day. After searching for a couple of minutes she became worried and confused.

[D] She said to partner Gareth: "Erm, that's weird... I am pretty sure they were in that black leather bag, but now they're gone."

[I] She said to her partner Gareth that it was weird because she was pretty sure that they were in that black leather bag, but now they were gone.

63. Twenty-five year old Connie was going to sing in the quarter-final of a local talent competition. She was extremely nervous before her performance, even though her mother had tried to calm her down.

[D] She said: "No! I can't do it! This is the end of the journey. I can't face the audience this time!"

[I] She said that she could not do it and that was the end of the journey because she couldn't face the audience this time.

64. At the beach, William and Phillip were enjoying the sunshine and a fresh sea breeze. Suddenly, William noticed a piece of wood floating in the sea, with something lying on it that looked like a lifeless human body.

[D] Without hesitation, William exclaimed: "Phil, look! There's someone in trouble! We have to get some help quickly!"

[I] Without hesitation, William exclaimed that there was someone in trouble and that they had to get some help quickly.

[Q] Was it William who found the lifeless human body?

65. At Mr. Harris's house, Police constables Paul and Ken had some sad news to impart. Mrs. Harris's husband, a well-known businessman, was killed in a car crash earlier this morning.

[D] When Paul spoke with her, he said: "Mrs. Harris, I am afraid that your husband was involved in a road accident. He was announced dead at the scene."

[I] When Paul spoke with her, he said that her husband was involved in a road accident and that he was announced dead at the scene.

66. On the train to London, young mother Olivia was taking her 5 year old daughter for a holiday. The little girl could not understand why the youth who lit a cigarette at the station was scolded by other passengers.

[D] She asked: "If people don't like smoking, why don't they just hold their breath?"

[I] She suggested that if people don't like smoking, they could just hold their breath.

[Q] Did the little girl think the youth could smoke at the station?

67. It was quarter past seven at the French restaurant, and head chef Pascal was extremely distressed. During a routine check, the restaurant manager went berserk about the messy state of the kitchen.

[D] He said: "Is this how you want to make yourself a reputation?! It's a miracle that the health inspectors haven't closed us down yet!"

[I] He asked whether this would be the way he wanted to make himself a reputation, adding that it's a miracle that the health inspectors haven't closed them down yet.

68. Teenagers Helen and Laura were shopping around at the summer sale. Helen was very fond of a black skirt and shrieked when she found that it was heavily discounted.

[D] She called out: "Laura, look! This is exactly what I always wanted, and it's merely fifty quid!"

[I] She called out to Laura that this is exactly what she always wanted, and that it was merely fifty quid.

69. On Sunday afternoon, the Riley's were going to the train station to pick up granddad who lived in the neighbouring town. Twelve year-old Karen did not understand why they went so early if the train was arriving at 6 pm.

[D] Mr Riley replied: "Well, just in case.. Remember last time when granddad forgot to set his watch properly?"

[I] Mr Riley replied that this was just in case, reminding her of the last time when granddad forgot to set his watch properly.

70. A medical emergency tutorial was taking place in the operating theatre. The tutor was demonstrating the steps to treat a heavy injury to the students.

[D] He explained: "When the patient comes in, first set up the life-support machine and then stop the bleeding."

[I] He explained that when the patient comes in, they first should set up the life-support machine and then stop the bleeding.

[Q] Is it correct to stop the bleeding first?

71. At Omaha Beach, allied soldiers braved artillery fire, mortar attacks and all-round danger. In response to the enemy's gunfire, the captain of the 1st Division rallied the soldiers.

[D] He shouted: "Be brave, lads! Toss your grenades and open fire with your rifles! We must silence that machine gun."

[I] He told the soldiers to toss their grenades and open fire with their rifles, for they must silence that machine gun.

72. The West End festival was coming soon and the organisers were discussing details of the live television broadcast. The current issue was where to set the television cameras and John was offering his plans.

[D] He said: "We might need television cameras along the High Street, and possibly even a helicopter to cover the whole area."

[I] He suggested that they might need television cameras along the High Street and possibly even a helicopter to cover the whole area.

73. Today in Northern Afghanistan, the United Nations Peacekeeping Force was ambushed by Taliban forces. Although they returned fire immediately, the UN troops suffered heavy losses.

[D] The officer hastily called for reinforcements: "We are facing rocket and mortar fire in the region! We urgently need armoured support!"

[I] The officer hastily called for reinforcements, confirming that they were facing rocket and mortar fire in the region and that they urgently needed armoured support.

74. It was midnight already and moonlight dripped through the leaves on the pavements. Robert and Chloe just came back from a party, and Chloe was still full of energy.

[D] She patted Robert's cheek and said: "Stop yawning, my darling! The day is far from over yet."

[I] She patted Robert's cheek and said that he should stop yawning because the day was far from over yet.

75. Joseph, an extremely wealthy entrepreneur, was known to be addicted to horse racing. Tipped-off by an insider, he placed a huge bet on one horse today, which failed to win the race, however.

[D] Joseph was now shouting furiously on the phone: "Where did your bloody information come from!? I've lost nearly one million pounds!"

[I] Joseph was now shouting furiously on the phone, asking where the information had come from, and claiming that he had lost nearly one million pounds.

[Q] Was Joseph confident about the bet?

76. Due to the economic recession, Ron's company has lost a great quantity of international trades. His wife noticed that every day he just slumped on the couch, with a tired and dull look on his face.

[D] She tried to comfort him by saying: "Why don't you stop your business for a while? We could spend more time together, and there is certainly a positive side to that!"

[I] She tried to comfort him by suggesting that if he stops his business for a while, they could have more time together, and there was certainly a positive side to that.

77. At the airport, Carol and Fraser were boarding the flight to Barcelona for a conference. There were only 5 minutes left before the plane was taking off, and Carol started panicking because she couldn't find her boarding card.

[D] She turned to Fraser and said: "Oh no! I can't find my stupid boarding pass! I must have left it at the duty-free shop!"

[I] She turned to Fraser and said that she couldn't find her boarding pass and that she must have left it at the duty-free shop.

78. At Glasgow Royal Infirmary, family members were sitting around a bed, feeling sad. A very old man was dying, and too weak to sit up. He wanted to say something, so his daughter placed a cushion under his head.

[D] He looked around slowly, thanked them for their coming, and said: "I am so happy to have the whole family around me in my final hour."

[I] He looked around slowly, thanked them for their coming, and added that he was so happy to have the whole family around him in his final hour.

79. Gerry and Herbert were attending a first aid tutorial where they were practising resuscitation procedures using a plastic dummy. Gerry was busy remembering all the steps, but Herbert wouldn't bother and instead explained his own strategy.

[D] He said: "Look, it's not necessary to go through all the steps. The important thing is to ensure that air passages are not obstructed."

[I] He said that it's not necessary to go through all the steps, and that the important thing was to ensure that air passages were not obstructed.

80. At House of Fraser, the manager was demonstrating her employees how to describe, in one sentence, the special features of a product. She did it by performing a mock sales pitch in front of them.

[D] Holding up a jacket, she said: "This leather jacket is made of the finest materials and represents the latest Italian couture."

[I] Holding up a jacket, she said that it was made of the finest materials and represented the latest Italian couture.

[Q] Was the leather jacket from France?

81. A heavily armed robbery took place at the jewellers' early this morning. The criminals escaped in a blue van. Within five minutes, three police cars, an armed response unit, and an ambulance showed up at the scene.

[D] The officer-in-charge ordered: "Every main road must be blocked immediately! And, for Christ's sake, call the

helicopter in!"

[I] The officer-in-charge ordered that every main road must be blocked immediately, and that the helicopter should be called in.

82. David was producing a TV documentary about the Vietnam War, and today, he was interviewing a 75 year-old Vietnam veteran. When David asked about the situation at the battle of Hue, the old soldier paused for a while.

[D] Then, slowly, he said: "This battle was one of the longest and most brutal of the entire war. It's haunting me in my dreams for the rest of my life."

[I] Then, slowly, he said that this battle was one of the longest and most brutal of the entire war, and that it would be haunting him in his dreams for the rest of his life.

83. It was a Sunday in June, and a young couple were waiting for their relatives to arrive. Zoe was busy making cucumber sandwiches and scones, when her husband noticed that her hands were actually shaking a bit.

[D] She explained: "Don't worry, I'm OK! I'm just a little nervous because I really want everything to be perfect."

[I] She explained that she was OK, and that she was just a little nervous because she really wanted everything to be perfect.

84. University lecturer Bridget was responsible for admission to the English Literature classes. This morning, she had to deal with yet another request from a student who wanted to change her course.

[D] The student said: "I'm not sure whether Contemporary Women's Poetry is right for me. Is it possible to switch to Sexual Identity in the Works of Oscar Wilde instead?"

[I] The student said that she was not sure whether Contemporary Women's Poetry was right for her and asked if it was possible to switch to Sexual Identity in the Works of Oscar Wilde instead.

85. In the computer shop, a customer wanted to get his laptop fixed because the Windows upgrade hadn't installed correctly. The shop assistant had a quick look and noticed that the customer was using the Home Edition.

[D] He said: "Well, I presume you've tried the wrong update. You can't really apply updates for XP Professional to the Home Edition."

[I] He presumed that the customer had tried the wrong update, adding that one cannot really apply updates for XP Professional to the Home Edition.

86. At Saint Jacob's hospital in Falmouth, Henry was waiting to have an X-ray taken. He fell off the bus this morning and feared he broke his leg, but worst of all, he was also very anxious about X-rays.

[D] The doctor said: "No need to worry! We will give you a lead board to protect you from radiation."

[I] The doctor told him not to worry because they would give him a lead board to protect him from radiation.

87. The heat of the morning was intense but Charles and Lucy had managed to climb up a hill. From the top, Charles could see right down to the beach on the other side.

[D] Excited, he said to Lucy: "Brilliant! Let's run down to the beach and take a plunge into the sea!"

[I] Excited, he suggested to Lucy that they should run down to the beach and take a plunge into the sea.

[Q] Did Lucy suggest that they should take a plunge into the sea?

88. Mrs. Jones felt awkward to ask her son for help because she ran out of cash for the babysitter. She pretended to enter her son's room 'by accident', trying to borrow £20.

[D] The boy replied: "You see, I'd love to help you out, but your credit history isn't what I would call spotless."

[I] The boy replied that he would love to help her out, but that her credit history wasn't what he would call spotless.

[Q] Did Mrs. Jones successfully borrow the money?

89. Eleanor's son had always been a bit of a couch potato. Over dinner, Eleanor was passing a cutting from a London newspaper to her husband.

[D] She said: "There, just read this article about child education! It exactly confirms my concerns about watching too much TV."

[I] She asked him to read that article about child education, for it exactly confirmed her concerns about watching too much TV.

90. The Smiths had recently suffered from some financial problems, so Mr. Smith was looking for a better job. Today, he was going to have an interview with the manager of a big insurance company.

[D] Before he left, his wife said: "Best of luck, darling. Always remember that you are the best man for the job!"

[I] Before he left, his wife wished him best of luck, and advised him to remember that he is the best man for the job.