Conversation 1

What are you up to later?

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Example:

- What are you up to later?
- he probably wants to invite her somewhere or suggest doing something together, so he asks her about her plans

- What are you up to later?
- I'm going to a belly dancing class

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- Yeah, I know what it is
- she was going to explain what belly dancing is, but he knows; he was just surprised
- I'm going to a belly dancing class.
- You're doing what?
- Belly dancing. You know, like
- Yeah, I know what it is. I just had no idea that you did that.

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- I thought it'd be fun
- she explains why she decided to go to a belly dancing class
- -So why belly dancing?
- I've been thinking about doing something to get a bit fitter and I've never liked sport particularly. I find jogging and swimming and stuff like that a bit boring, you know – and then I saw this class advertised and I thought it'd be fun.

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• I've put on five kilos since January

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- I've put on five kilos since January
- He explains why he thinks he should do some exercise as well

- I should really do something as well. I've put on five kilos since January.
- Really? It doesn't look it. You've got a lovely figure.

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• It took me about ten minutes to get my breath back

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- It took me about ten minutes to get my breath back
- he illustrates his poor fitness level

• And I'm really unfit. I had to run for the bus this morning and it took me about ten minutes to get my breath back!

Now role-play these bits of the conversation

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- I thought it'd be fun
- I've put on five kilos since January
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Conversation 2

Are you around this weekend at all?

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- Are you around this weekend at all?
- He probably wants to suggest doing something together or invite her somewhere

- Are you around this weekend at all?
- No, I'm going to a fencing workshop all day Saturday.

Conversation 2

• How did you get into that?

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- How did you get into that?
- He wants to know more about this unusual hobby of hers
- No, I'm going to a fencing workshop all day Saturday.
- You're going where?
- This fencing workshop. It's like a master class with this top Russian fencer.
- Wow! I didn't even know you did fencing. How did you get into that?
- Oh, we actually used to do it at school

Conversation 2

• I'm going to have a wander round the flea market in the morning

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- I'm going to have a wander round the flea market in the morning
- He talks about his plans hoping she might want to join him

- Well, what about Sunday? I'm going to have a wander round the flea market in the morning.
- To be honest, I think I'm just going to have a lie-in and chill out at home. I'll be exhausted after Saturday.

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• I'm just going to have a lie-in and chill out at home

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- I'm just going to have a lie-in and chill out at home
- She explains why she can't join him

- Well, what about Sunday? I'm going to have a wander round the flea market in the morning.
- To be honest, I think I'm just going to have a lie-in and chill out at home. I'll be exhausted after Saturday.

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- Just the thought of doing that kind of exercise makes me sweat
- He tries to show empathy and understanding

- I'll be exhausted after Saturday.
- Fair enough. Just the thought of doing that kind of exercise makes me sweat!

Now role-play these bits of the conversation

Conversation 2

- Are you around this weekend at all?
- How did you get into that?
- I'm going to have a wander round the flea market in the morning
- I'm just going to have a lie-in and chill out at home
- Just the thought of doing that kind of exercise makes me sweat

Conversation 3

Do you fancy meeting later?

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- Do you fancy meeting later?
- She probably wants to suggest doing something together or invite him somewhere

- What're you doing this evening? Do you fancy meeting later?
- No, I can't. I've got my ... um ... my, um, knitting group tonight.

Conversation 3

• I took it up because I was giving up smoking

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- I took it up because I was giving up smoking
- explains why he has this unusual hobby
- Since when?
- I've been doing it for about six months now. I took it up because I was giving up smoking and a friend suggested doing it. She said it'd give me something to fiddle with instead of cigarettes, so I joined this group

Conversation 3

• OK, but isn't it just full of old women, this group?

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- OK, but isn't it just full of old women, this group?
- She is skeptical about the club

- ...but isn't it just full of old women, this group?
- No, not at all.

Conversation 3

What's 'Ah' supposed to mean?

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- What's 'Ah' supposed to mean?
- He gets a little defensive or just teases her
- ...but isn't it just full of old women, this group?
- No, not at all. Well, I mean, I am the only man, but most of the women are quite young.
- Ah.
- What? What's 'Ah' supposed to mean?
- Nothing.

Now role-play these bits of the conversation

Conversation 3

- Do you fancy meeting later?
- I took it up because I was giving up smoking
- OK, but isn't it just full of old women, this group?
- What's 'Ah' supposed to mean?