

9B – Review Answers



Try these

Find phrases in the text that have the same meaning as the following.

1. He's not working hard enough. *He's not pulling his weight*
2. We need to fire some employees. *(We need to) make some cost improvement plans.*
3. We have very little money. *Things are tight.*
4. She's become mentally ill. *She's not quite all there.*
5. The couple fight a lot. *Lots of storm clouds gathering.*
6. She's pregnant. *(She's) in the family way.*
7. I think there is something strange in that room. *It has a long history.*
8. I don't believe in ghosts and things like that. *I don't believe in such nonsense.*



You try Answers will vary

Imagine you are Jill, a married woman who wants her husband to fix the roof. She has asked him before but he still hasn't fixed it. She wants to gently remind him again without appearing to boss him around. You can use the phrases below to help fill in the conversation.

the thing is *I was wondering* *that thing I asked you to do*
it would really make me happy if *sooner rather than later*

Jill: Honey, are you busy right now?

Jack: Not really, why?

Jill: Well, *I was wondering if you could get started on that project.*

Jack: What do you mean?

Jill: I'm talking about *that thing I asked you to do. The thing is, we talked about it just the other day.*

Jack: Oh, you mean the roof? Yes, I'm going to do it soon. It's on my list.

Jill: OK, but *it would really make me happy if you started sooner rather than later.*



Try again Answers will vary

Imagine you are a TV news presenter. Change the following news stories so that they are less direct. Use any euphemisms you can think of.

1. Our country's oldest man died today.

The oldest man in our country passed away today.

2. Researchers have confirmed that our children are getting fatter. Many are also very dumb and can't pass school exams.

New research suggests that the average weight level of children has increased over time.

Many are also not performing at their full academic ability.

3. Evidence revealed today shows that one of the country's leading politicians lied many times to the public and received bribes in return for political favours.

It has been suggested that a leading political figure has been less than honest when speaking to the public. He may have received gifts in exchange for favours for his friends.

4. International human rights groups claim that prisoners in many dictatorship countries are being tortured. They are also starved and live in cruel conditions.

International human rights groups are claiming that incarcerated people in one-party countries are being subjected to enhanced interrogation techniques and not sufficiently fed or housed.

5. The city's largest factory will fire over 50 employees this month because it is running out of money.

The city's largest employer is making some cost improvement plans, as the budget is tight.