

American officers.

individualist Individualists say that you should be able to wear what

you want.

infer I inferred from what she said that you have not been

well...

instinct

intense

inside What is needed is a change from the inside, a real

change in outlook and attitude.

insight The project would give scientists new insights into what

is happening to the earth's atmosphere...

insistent 'What is it?' his wife asked again, gently but insistently.

insouciance He replied with characteristic insouciance: `So what?'

He always knew what time it was, as if by instinct.

I know he's an intense player, but he does enjoy what

he's doing...

interchange What made the meeting exciting was the interchange of

ideas from different disciplines...

interest That passage interested me because it seems to parallel

very closely what you're doing in the novel...

interpret Both approaches agree on what is depicted in the poem,

but not on how it should be interpreted.

interpret Interpreters found they could not interpret half of what he

said.

interrogate I was well aware of what my interrogators wanted to

hear.

intractable What may be done to reduce the influence of intractable

opponents?

Jeez Jeez, I wish they'd tell us what the hell is going on...

joker Keep your eye on these jokers, you never know what

they will come up with.

judgment In your judgment, what has changed over the past few

years?...

What are you going to do with all that junk, Larry? junk What does she read? Just about everything... just^1 'What kept you?'—'I went in the wrong direction.' keep No matter what a woman tries to do to improve her keep down

situation, there is some barrier or attitude to keep her down.

For all I know, there may be a kernel of truth in what he kernel

says.

know

What they said was a real knock to my self-confidence... knock

'What was that all about?'—`Darned if I know.'

I know what you're going through. know

I don't know what happened to her husband... know

Don't listen to him, what does he know?... know

None of us stayed long. I mean, the atmosphere know

wasn't-well, you know what I mean...

We know what to do to make it work. know

She laboured under the illusion that I knew what I was labour

doing...

What seems to be the trouble, lady?... lady

'What is it, lass?' Finlay cried. lass

I spent much of what I laughingly call 'the holidays' laughingly

working through 621 pages of typescript...

What was it ultimately that led you to leave Sarajevo for lead^1

Zagreb?

What most people want to see is determined, decisive leadership

action and firm leadership.

I don't have the least idea of what you're talking about... least

We've no idea what his state of health is but at least we least

know he is still alive...

What I did was perfectly legal. legal

What is the point of going legit and getting married? legit

Let me tell you what I saw last night...

He got the impression that Miss Hawes had no idea of

what she was letting herself in for...

let on I didn't let on to the staff what my conversation was...

The flat was really very nice, but compared with what

we'd been used to, it was a terrible let-down...

level-headed His level-headed approach suggests he will do what is

necessary.

liability ...what was once a vote catching policy, is now a political

liability.

She'd need all her strength and bravery to cope with

what lay in store...

lie behind It seems that what lay behind the clashes was

disagreement over the list of candidates.

lieu He left what little furniture he owned to his landlord in

lieu of rent.

What was it like growing up in Hillsborough?...

What did she look like?...

like^1 It's nothing like what happened in the mid-Seventies...

What was Bulgaria like?...

What music do you like best?...

Would you like to tell me what happened?

limit In the circumstances we'll tell you what we can, within

limits, of course, and in confidence.

line So what was your father's line of business?...

line What are some of the practical benefits likely to be of

this line of research?

iqueur "What about a liqueur with your coffee?' suggested the

waitress.

Why don't we just wait a little while and see what

happens...

They live by the principle that we are here to add what

we can to life, not to get what we want from it.

living Father never talked about what he did for a living...

That's what the locals call the place.

log in They would log into their account and take a look at

prices and decide what they'd like to do.

look^1 If you look, you'll see what was a lake.

Look what a mess you've made of your life.

look ahead I'm trying to look ahead at what might happen and be

ready to handle it.

look around I'm going to look around and see what I can find.

Looking to the future, though, we asked him what the

prospects are for a vaccine to prevent infection in the

first place.

`Good lord, that's what he is: he's a policeman.'...

They did not lose the opportunity to say what they

thought of events.

lost cause They do not want to expend energy in what, to them, is a

lost cause.

Our love for each other has been increased by what

we've been through together.

lovely What a lovely surprise!

lower I've got no qualms about lowering myself to Lemmer's

level to get what I want.

luck 'What do you want, Roy? If it's money, you're out of

luck.'

lustre

Iuscious What I like most about Gabby is her luscious lips!

lust after From what I hear, half the campus is lusting after her.

What do you do if your relationship is beginning to lose

its lustre?

madden He knew that what he was saying did not reach her. And

the knowledge of it maddened him...

made What is the statue made out of?

main What are the main differences and similarities between

them?

mainspring You begin to understand what actions were the

mainspring of the story.

major I knew what I could do in the minor leagues, I just

wanted a chance to prove myself in the majors.

make³ What really makes the book are the beautiful designs.

make^6 What time d'you make it?'—`Thirteen past.'

make of Nancy wasn't sure what to make of Mick's apology.

make out It is hard to make out what criteria are used...

make out I heard the voices, but couldn't make out what they were

saying.

make-up The ideological make-up of the unions is now radically

different from what it had been.

mangle They don't know what they're talking about and mangle

scientific information.

march What does it take for a woman to say `that's enough' and

give her man his marching orders?

market research A new all-woman market research company has

been set up to find out what women think about major

news and issues.

matter He had decided to publish the manuscript no matter

what...

matter No matter what your age, you can lose weight by

following this program...

mature You will learn what to expect as your child matures

physically...

maturity Customers are told what their policies will be worth on

maturity...

mean¹ What accident? You mean Christina's?...

mean^1 What if I had said no?' `About the apartment, you

mean?'

mean^1 I know what it means to lose a child under such tragic

circumstances.

mechanic What are the mechanics of this new process?...

meritorious I had been promoted for what was called gallant and

meritorious service.

might^1 I heard what might have been an explosion...

mile What were you thinking about? You were miles away.

military They remain unwilling to intervene militarily in what could

be an unending war...

mind^1 I put what happened during that game to the back of my

mind...

mind^1 Maybe we could celebrate tonight.'—`What did you have

in mind?'

mind^1 What are you doing? Are you out of your mind?

"Fewter didn't seem to think so.'—"Never mind what

Fewter said.'

mind^2 I don't mind what we play, really...

misgiving She had some misgivings about what she was about to

do...

miss out What about Sally? You've missed her out.

missing link We're dealing with probably the biggest missing link in

what we know about human evolution.

missus That's what bugs my missus more than anything...

mistaken Unless I'm mistaken, he didn't specify what time.

mister Look, Mister, we know our job, so don't try to tell us what

to do.

misunderstand They have simply misunderstood what rock and roll

is...

misunderstand I'm not saying what he did was good, don't misunderstand me.

misunderstanding Tell your midwife what you want so she can make a

note of it and avoid misunderstandings.

`You really must be very good at what you do.'—`I modest

suppose I am,' Kate said modestly.

Moral as well as financial support was what the West moral

should provide.

What impressed me more was that she knew more

Tennessee Williams.

Happiness is the ability to make the most of what you most

have...

What question are you asked the most?... most

What she feared most was becoming like her mother... most

With no idea of what to do for my next move, my hand move

hovered over the board.

These black models are moving in on what was move in

previously white territory: the lucrative cosmetic

contracts.

`Do you care very much about what other people much

think?'—`Too much.'

'What was stolen?'—'Oh, nothing much.'... much

Well, so much for the producers. But what of the much

consumers?

What do you get if you multiply six by nine? multiply

He stood without moving a muscle, unable to believe muscle

what his eyes saw so plainly.

What you wear should be stylish and clean, and must must

definitely fit well...

I crouched by him and grasped his hand, mutely offering mute

what comfort I could.

myself I asked myself what I would have done in such a

situation...

mysterious Asked what she meant, she said mysteriously: `Work it

out for yourself'.

name What in the name of heaven's going on?...

nasty What nasty little snobs you all are...

naughty You know what little boys are like with naughty words.

It's so good to see you. What brings you to this neck of

the woods?

neck

need What is right for us need not be right for others...

net^2 What you actually receive is net of deductions for the

airfare and administration.

never I never, ever sit around thinking, 'What shall I do next?'...

never 'What were you up to there?'—'I was head of the

information department.'—`Well I never!'

new blood That's what we need, some new blood in the team.

news I'd certainly tell you if I knew anything, but I don't. What

you're saying is news to me.

next I don't know what to do next...

nice Those are nice academic arguments, but what about the

immediate future?

nipper I'm not ever going to forget what you've done for the

nippers.

note down Please note down what I'm about to say.

nothing While the increase in homicides is alarming, it is nothing

compared to what is to come in the rest of the decade...

notice We want the government to take notice of what we think

they should do for single parents...

notion We each have a notion of just what kind of person we'd

like to be...

November There's no telling what the voters will do next November.

nowhere `Getting nowhere fast,' pronounced Crosby, `that's what we're doing.'...

what is this current television obsession with older men and nubile young women?

object 'Hey, I don't know what you're talking about,' Russo objected.

Her obliviousness of what was happening in Germany seems extraordinary.

oblivious

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obsessive He couldn't help worrying obsessively about what would

happen...

obtrude A 40 watt bulb would be quite sufficient and would not

obtrude...

obvious ...the need to rectify what is an obvious injustice...

occur In March 1770, there occurred what became known as

the Boston Massacre.

odd What an odd coincidence that he should have known

your family...

odds What are the odds of finding a parking space right

outside the door?...

on Honest, Kate, I don't know what you're on about.

on What on earth are you going on about?...
It looks like he knows what he's on about.

one There is one thing I would like to know-What is it about

Tim that you find so irresistible?...

only We have only to read the labels to know what

ingredients are in foods.

only I'd be quite happy to go. Only I don't know what my kids

would say about living there.

onto I had told people what he had been doing, so now the

police were onto him.

open-ended ...open-ended questions about what passengers expect

of an airline.

optimize What can you do to optimize your family situation?

option What other options do you have?

orthodoxy What was once a novel approach had become

orthodoxy.

out^2 We've been out for two and a half months and we're not

going back until we get what we're asking for.

out-and-out Much of what has been written about us is out-and-out

lies.

outset Decide at the outset what kind of learning programme

you want to follow...

outward What the military rulers have done is to restore the

outward appearance of order.

over^3 She was still getting over the shock of what she had

been told.

overarching The overarching question seems to be what happens

when the US pulls out?...

oversimplify There is an old saying that `we are what we eat'.

Obviously this is an oversimplification.

overstretch Do what you know you can do well and don't overstretch

yourself...

owe He could take what was owing for the rent.

ozone What they find could provide clues to what might happen

worldwide if ozone depletion continues.

The unrest has cast a pall over what is usually a day of

national rejoicing...

paraphrase I'm paraphrasing but this is honestly what he said.

pardonable `I have', he remarked with pardonable pride, `done what I

set out to do.'

parenthetical And what, we may ask parenthetically, does it mean?

The levels of blood glucose depend in part on what you

eat and when you eat...

particularity What is lacking is an insight into the particularity of our

societal system...

pass I do not know what to do with the information if I cannot

pass it on...

passer-by A passer-by described what he saw moments after the

car bomb had exploded...

past What was the point in living in the past, thinking about

what had or had not happened?

You know what she's like. I wouldn't put it past her to call

the police and say I stole them.

past What was the point in living in the past, thinking about

what had or had not happened?

paternalistic The doctor is being paternalistic. He's deciding what

information the patient needs to know...

pathetic What pathetic excuses...

perfect

What he had said to her made perfect sense.

perfectly You know perfectly well what happened.

permanent His reason had been permanently affected by what he

had witnessed...

pernicious I did what I could, but her mother's influence was

pernicious...

perplexed She is perplexed about what to do for her daughter...

persuasive What do you think were some of the more persuasive

arguments on the other side?...

perturb What perturbs me is that magazine articles are so much

shorter nowadays.

perversion What monstrous perversion of the human spirit leads a

sniper to open fire on a bus carrying children?...

phantom She was always taking days off for what her colleagues

considered phantom illnesses.

phase Most kids will go through a phase of being faddy about

what they eat.

phew Phew, what a relief!

phone She's always on the phone, wanting to know what I've

been up to.

pick up I'll pick up on what I said a couple of minutes ago.

picture I'll try and give you a better picture of what the boys do...

piece together In the following days, Francis was able to piece

together what had happened...

pin down If we cannot pin down exactly what we are supposed to be managing, how can we manage it?

pinpoint ...if you can pinpoint exactly what the anger is about...

What we need is not manifestos of pious intentions, but real action.

The ship is pitching and rolling in what looks like about fifteen foot seas.

Louis Armstrong defined jazz pithily as `what I play for a living'.

Placatory He raised a placatory hand. `All right, we'll see what we can do.'

What brought you to Washington in the first place?...
 What would you have done in my place, my dear?
 If you plan what you're going to eat, you reduce your chances of overeating...

We have enough on our plate. There is plenty of work to be done on what we have.

Nick finished what he was saying and jumped down from the platform.

What the hell are you playing at?

She began to wonder what he was playing at...

pleasant It's always pleasant to do what you're good at doing.

What is the use of a book about interior design witho

What is the use of a book about interior design without a plenitude of pictures in color?

What is the plural of `person'?

What was the point of thinking about him?...

point-blank The army apparently refused point blank to do what was required of them...

polish off No matter what he is offered to eat he polishes it off in an instant...

possess What on earth had possessed her to agree to marry

play at

him?

pout He whined and pouted when he did not get what he

wanted.

prattle What a bore it was to listen to the woman's prattle!

preach He ought to practise what he preaches.

precise He does not talk too much and what he has to say is

precise and to the point.

precisely Did you find yourself wondering what went

wrong?'—'Precisely.'

preconceived We all start with preconceived notions of what we want

from life.

preface I will preface what I am going to say with a few lines from

Shakespeare...

premium I place a high premium on what someone is like as a

person...

presumptuous It would be presumptuous to judge what the outcome

will be.

preternatural Their parents had an almost preternatural ability to

understand what was going on in their children's minds.

pretty I had a pretty good idea what she was going to do...

print Hey, I know what, I'll get a bumper sticker printed up.

prioritize Make lists of what to do and prioritize your tasks.

private Some of what we're talking about might better be

discussed in private.

propose It's still far from clear what action the government

proposes to take over the affair...

protect So, what can women do to protect themselves from

heart disease?...

protective What she felt now was protectiveness towards her

brothers, her sister and her new baby.

providing I do believe in people being able to do what they want to

do, providing they're not hurting someone else...

what we want to see today are policies to pull us out of

this recession.

punch I almost lost my job today.'—'What happened?'—'Oh, I

punched out this guy.'...

puncture His enthusiasm for fishing had been punctured by the

sight of what he might catch.

pussyfoot Why don't they stop pussyfooting around and say what

they really mean?

put down I had prepared for the meeting by putting down what I

wanted from them.

put on I can eat what I want but I never put on weight...

putter I started puttering around outside, not knowing what I

was doing...

quandary The government appears to be in a quandary about

what to do with so many people.

querulous A querulous male voice said, `Look, are you going to

order, or what?'

rabbit on What are you rabbiting on about?

rack She began to rack her brains to remember what had

happened at the nursing home.

rankle The only thing that rankles me is what she says about

Ireland.

rat What did you do with the gun you took from that little rat

Turner?

ratbag Lying ratbags, that's what they are.

rather He explained what the Crux is, or rather, what it was.

rather She made students think for themselves, rather than

telling them what to think...

"What is wrong with you, acting like that,' she raved,

pacing up and down frantically.

She cried and raved for weeks, and people did not know

what to do...

reach The price is ten times what it normally is and totally

beyond the reach of ordinary people.

ream Their specific task is to sort through the reams of

information and try to determine what it may mean...

reason Listen,' I reasoned, `it doesn't take a genius to figure out

what Adam's up to.'

reasonable At the time, what he'd done had seemed reasonable.

I have no idea what she said, something about airline

travel, I seem to recall.

reconstruct Elaborate efforts were made to reconstruct what had

happened.

recall

regrettable

redeem Make sure you know exactly what you will be paying

back when you plan to redeem the item.

reflexology A reflexologist can often tell what is wrong with his client

by the condition of certain parts of the feet.

regard I have a very high regard for him and what he has

achieved...

register What I said sometimes didn't register in her brain...

...an investigation into what the army described as a

regrettable incident...

rehearse We encouraged them to rehearse what they were going

to say.

relative Fitness is relative; one must always ask `Fit for what?'...

relativist Bonger advocated a relativist position. In his view, what

is considered immoral depends on the social structure.

remember I can't remember what I said...

reminder The British are about to be given a sharp reminder of

what fighting abroad really means...

removal What they expected to be the removal of a small lump

turned out to be major surgery...

republican What made you decide to become a Republican?

responsible He feels that the media should be more responsible in

what they report.

result Many hair problems result from what you eat...

retard What the hell do I want with an emotional retard?

retiree ...retirees who have completely different expectations of

what later life might bring.

retort Was he afraid, he was asked. `Afraid of what?' he

retorted...

revile What right had the crowd to revile the England players

for something they could not help...?

rhetoric What is required is immediate action, not rhetoric...

right^1 You were right to do what you did, under the

circumstances...

riot I'm glad you read the riot act to Billy. He's still a kid and

still needs to be told what to do.

rock bottom What they do offer is a good product at a rock-bottom

price.

She rooted through the bag, found what she wanted,

and headed toward the door...

rough I've got a rough idea of what he looks like...

rough He knew roughly what was about to be said...

roundup What is it that keeps a cowboy looking strong, young

and ready for another roundup?

rub What are you going to get out of him if you rub him up

the wrong way?

rub 'What do you want to write about?'. And there was the

rub, because I didn't yet know.

rubric There was a firm rubric in the book about what had to be

observed when interrogating anyone under seventeen.

sage Susan nodded sagely as if what I had said was

profoundly significant...

salvage The team's first task was to decide what equipment

could be salvaged...

sarcasm 'What a pity,' Graham said with a hint of sarcasm...

'What a surprise!' Caroline murmured sarcastically.

saving grace Ageing's one saving grace is you worry less about what

people think.

`Well,' she said eventually, `what have you to say for

yourself?'

sarcastic

`I'm a writer.'—`You don't say. What kind of book are you

writing?'

say Say you could change anything about the world we live

in, what would it be?

scanty So far, what scanty evidence we have points to two

suspects.

scare Don't you realize what a scare you've given us all?...

scene What you need is a change of scene. Why not go on a

cruise?

scene It's an exciting opportunity to learn what goes on behind

the scenes.

school Even the good students say homework is what they

most dislike about school...

score I don't feel sorry for Carl. He knew the score, he knew

what he had to do and couldn't do it.

screen They put a screen in front of me so I couldn't see what

was going on.

scribble I'm sorry what I wrote was such a scribble.

Scrooge What a bunch of Scrooges.

see Frankly, I don't know what Paul sees in her...

see We'll see what we can do, miss.

see Let me just see what the next song is...

see ...a lot of people saw what was happening but did

nothing about it...

see Did you see what happened? See Oh, I see what you're saying...

self-effacing As women we tend to be self-effacing and make light of

what we have achieved.

sense Prost had sensed what might happen.

sensitive ...people who suffer extreme sensitivity about what

others think...

set^1 He belonged to what the press called `The Chelsea Set'.

set apart What sets it apart from hundreds of similar small French

towns is the huge factory...

set out He has achieved what he set out to do three years ago...

shall What shall I do?

shape Like it or not, our families shape our lives and make us

what we are.

should Please could you advise me what I should do?...

should I shouldn't have said what I did.

shout out I wanted to shout it out, let her know what I had

overheard.

shove If push comes to shove, if you should lose your case in

the court, what will you do?...

shrill 'What are you doing?' she demanded shrilly.

shudder I shudder to think what would have happened if he

hadn't acted as quickly as he did.

shut What time do the pubs shut?

sick He was worried sick about what our mothers would say.

sign language Her son used sign language to tell her what

happened.

sir Excuse me sir, but would you mind telling me what sort

of car that is?...

sketchy Details of what actually happened are still sketchy...

slanderous Herr Kohler wanted an explanation for what he

described as `slanderous' remarks.

sleeve He wondered what Shearson had up his sleeve...

slimy I've worked hard for what I have and I don't want it taken

away by some slimy business partner.

what were you like when you were small?

small fry What they owe to the Inland Revenue is small fry

compared to the overall £1.2 million debt...

small print Read the small print in your contract to find out exactly

what you are insured for.

sneeze What exactly happens when we sneeze?...

sniff You know what they'll be like if they get a sniff of a

murder investigation...

sniff around But really, what harm could it possibly do to pop down

there and just sniff around?...

So You take a chance on the weather if you holiday in the

UK.'—`So what?'...

so What is so compromising about being an employee of

the state?

soak What I need is to soak in a hot tub.

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softenHe could not think how to soften the blow of what he

had to tell her.

something Could there be something in what he said?

soon You'll never guess what happened as soon as I left my

room.

sorry What he must not do is to sit around at home feeling

sorry for himself.

sort What sort of school did you go to?...

sort What sort of men were they?

soul-searching My year was really spent doing a lot of soul-searching

and trying to find out what had gone wrong in my life.

sound^1 They heard what sounded like a huge explosion...

sound off It is surprising how many people start sounding off about

something without really deciding what they think about

it.

sound out Sound him out gradually. Make sure it is what he really

wants.

spark What was it that sparked your interest in motoring?

specially What was specially enjoyable about that job?

specify He has not specified what action he would like them to

take.

speculate The reader can speculate what will happen next.

split ...a split between what is thought and what is felt.

sporty The steering and braking are exactly what you want from

a sporty car.

stand The alliance stands ready to do what is necessary...

stand for What does EU stand for?

stand up for They stood up for what they believed to be right...

start He said what a good idea it would be to start a

community magazine up.

start The new Prime Minister has got off to a good start, but

he still has to demonstrate what manner of leader he is

going to be...

start out What started out as fun quickly became hard work.

status What is your current financial status?...

steady 'What if there's another murder?'—'Steady on!'...

steer What is it like to steer a ship this size?...

stick around Stick around a while and see what develops...

stick out What had Cutter done to make him stick out from the

crowd?

stomach

stick with They prefer, in the end, to stick with what they know.

I saw the shots of what happened on television and my

stomach just turned over.

stop She doesn't stop to think about what she's saying...

store Who knows what lies in store for the President?

straight What a shifty arguer he is, refusing ever to give a

straight answer.

strategy What should our marketing strategy have achieved?...

strength What makes a mayor successful in Los Angeles is the

strength of his public support.

stressed Work out what situations or people make you feel

stressed and avoid them.

strike What struck me about the firm is how genuinely friendly

and informal it is.

strike The two struck a deal in which Rendell took half of what

a manager would...

strong It's up to managers to be strong and do what they

believe is right...

strong It condemned in extremely strong language what it

called Britain's iniquitous campaign...

Stuff "What do you want to know?'—`About life and stuff.'...

sublime Mrs Trollope was sublimely uninterested in what she

herself wore.

What I've tried very subtly to do is to reclaim language. subtle I looked at what he'd given me and did a quick subtract

subtraction.

I said, 'Well what time'll I get to Leeds?' and he said such

such and such a time but I missed my connection...

But that is what the suckers want so you give it them... sucker

I'm not suggesting that is what is happening... suggest

What follows is a brief summary of the process... summary

What happens when food and gasoline supplies run

low?...

supply

Suppose someone gave you an egg and asked you to suppose

describe exactly what was inside...

What am I supposed to have done wrong now? supposed

What time do you surface? surface

Bill was in the doctor's surgery demanding to know what surgery

was wrong with him.

There's so little to go on, we can only surmise what surmise

happened...

This lady was genuinely surprised at what happened to surprised

her pet...

'What is it you want me to do?' Adams asked suspicious

suspiciously.

I'd had the training to suss out what he was up to. suss

...a dictator surrounded by sycophants, frightened to tell sycophant

him what he may not like.

It's a bit like the exam syndrome where you write down syndrome

everything you know regardless of what has been

asked...

What sort of tactics will the President use to rally the tactic

people behind him?

It takes courage to say what you think... take^2

take apart When the clock stopped, he took it apart, found what

was wrong, and put the whole thing together again.

take back Take back what you said about Jeremy!

talk through Now her children are grown-up and she has talked

through with them what happened...

tangle I was thinking what a tangle we had got ourselves into.

tantamount What Bracey is saying is tantamount to heresy...

telepathy Many of us find it very difficult to state our needs. We

expect people to know by telepathy what we are feeling.

telephone I dread to think what our telephone bill is going to be...

You never can tell what life is going to bring you.

I tell you what, I'll bring the water in a separate glass.

temporize They are still temporizing in the face of what can only be

described as a disaster...

terrific What a terrific idea!...

tell

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territory You can't expect not to have a debate; that's what

comes with the territory in a democracy.

themselves What can a patient with emphysema do to help

themselves?...

then I wasn't a very good scholar at school.'—'What did you

like doing best then?'...

theorize By studying the way people behave, we can theorize

about what is going on in their mind.

there Despite what happened in the past I want her to know I

am there for her.

they People matter because of what they are, not what they

have...

thing What with one thing and another, it was fairly late in the

day when we returned to Shrewsbury...

thing If you could change one thing about yourself, what

would it be?...

thing 'What does your market research consist of?'—'Well, the

thing is, it depends on our target age group.'...

think What were you thinking of? You shouldn't steal.

think I was trying to think what else we had to do.

think Let's think what we can do...

think Tell me, what do you think of my theory?...

think We had to think what to do next.

this What I'm going to do in this lecture is focus on

something very specific...

this And what are you doing now?'—'Oh this and that.'

`Is this what you were looking for?' Bradley produced the

handkerchief...

this I came here by chance and was just watching what was

going on, when this girl attacked me...

this This is what I will do. I will telephone Anna and explain.

this I am not going to reveal what my seven-year plan is, but

I will tell you this much, if it works out, the next seven

years will be very interesting.

this Tim, this is awful. I know what you must think, but it's not

so...

this

those What are those buildings?...

thought He had given some thought to what she had told him...

three-fourths He has just under 1,600 delegates, about three-fourths

what he needs to win the Democratic presidential

nomination.

thrill I can remember the thrill of not knowing what I would get

on Christmas morning...

throat What sticks in my throat is that I wasn't able to win the

trophy...

through What was going through his mind when he spoke those

amazing words?...

through What a lot of cards you've got through the post!

thumb I cannot tell you what pain I feel when I see how much

my mother is under my father's thumb...

tick He wanted to find out what made them tick...

ticket I want to know at what point I break the speed limit and

get a ticket.

tight What about getting new ones—Are you so tight you won't

even spend three roubles?

time When I think of what he's done to my mother and me,

I've just got no time for him...

'What time is it?'—`Eight o'clock.'...

time Half the time, I don't have the slightest idea what he's

talking about.

time Find out ahead of time what regulations apply to your

situation.

time I don't think I set out to come up with a different sound

for each album. At the same time, I do have a sense of

what is right for the moment.

time Now, in your own time, tell me what happened.

time What time did he leave?...

to^2 The management wanted to know what I was doing

there...

to^2 Well, to sum up, what is the message that you are trying

to get across?

tomorrow What is education going to look like tomorrow?

tonight Tonight, I think he proved to everybody what a great

player he was...

too^2 I wasn't too happy with what I'd written so far...

touch Their leaders have lost touch with what is happening in

the country.

toytown He denounced what he called toytown revolutionaries

advocating non-payment of taxes...

transfer He likes to transfer from the bus to the Blue Line at

103rd Street in Watts...

transition Most of the discussion was on what needed to be done

now as we transitioned from the security issues to the

challenging economic issues...

transpire Nothing is known as yet about what transpired at the

meeting.

travesty Her research suggests that Smith's reputation today is a

travesty of what he really stood for...

tread I could either tread water until I was promoted, which

looked to be a few years away, or I could change what I

was doing.

trick His real purpose is to trick his way into your home to see

what he can steal.

trigger It is still not clear what events triggered off the

demonstrations.

trouble But most troubling of all was the simple fact that nobody

knew what was going on.

tucker ...a man who knows what constitutes decent tucker and

how to go about serving it up.

turn around Now turn the question around and start looking not for

what you did wrong in the past, but for what you can do

to make things better in the future...

turn off What turns teenagers off science and technology?...

tussle He is tussling with the problem of what to do about

inflation.

twig By the time she'd twigged what it was all about it was too

late.

unaffected She seemed totally unaffected by what she'd drunk...

unbelievable What you did was unbelievably stupid...

unclear Just what the soldier was doing in Bireij is unclear...

unconcerned Paul was unconcerned about what he had done...

undecided After university she was still undecided as to what career she wanted to pursue...

underestimate Never underestimate what you can learn from a group of like-minded people.

underlie Try to figure out what feeling underlies your anger.

underneath Now I know what the underneath of a car looks like.

understand I don't understand what you are talking about...

understand They are too young to understand what is going on...

undertone 'What d'you think?' she asked in an undertone...

unfair What about the unfairness of life? Why do bad things

happen to good people?

unforgivable These people are animals and what they did was

unforgivable...

unglued If she hears what you're saying, she's going to come

unglued.

unhealthy Frank has developed what I would term an unhealthy

relationship with these people...

universe Good writers suck in what they see of the world,

re-creating their own universe on the page...

unprofessional What she did was very unprofessional. She left

abruptly about 90 minutes into the show...

unprotected What better target than an unprotected girl, going along

that river walkway in the dark...

unsympathetic I'm highly unsympathetic to what you are trying to

achieve.

unto I will do unto others what they did to me.

what is it then? Something's up, isn't it?...

up^2 They must have known what their father was up to...

uphill It had been an uphill struggle to achieve what she had

wanted...

utmost It is a matter of the utmost urgency to find out what has

happened to these people...

utterly Everything about the country seemed utterly different

from what I'd experienced before...

vague He was vague, however, about just what U.S. forces

might actually do...

vain He then set out for Virginia for what he vainly hoped

would be a peaceful retirement.

vastly The jury has heard two vastly different accounts of what

happened.

vegetative She was in what was described as a vegetative state.

vestige We represent the last vestige of what made this nation

great-hard work.

view My own view is absolutely clear. What I did was right...

visual Remember you want your visuals to reinforce your

message, not detract from what you are saying.

voice What does one do when a government simply refuses to

listen to the voice of the opposition?...

volume What you wear speaks volumes about you...

volunteer Right. What I want now is two volunteers to come down

to the front...

`Now look what you've done!' Shirley wailed...

wait We'll have to wait and see what happens.

wander His mind would wander, and he would lose track of what

he was doing...

want Do you want to tell me what all this is about?...

want lan knows exactly what he wants in life...

warm-up The criticism was merely a warm-up for what is being

prepared for the finance minister...

watt ...a 100-watt lightbulb.

Use a 3 amp fuse for equipment up to 720 watts. watt What can be done to encourage convicted offenders to way change their ways? She can't make her mind up what to wear. wear She spoke very slowly, weighing what she would say. weigh What is your height and weight?... weight Consumers generally place more weight on negative weight information than on the positive when deciding what to buy. `Well?' asked Barry, `what does it tell us?'... well^1 She has a close group of friends who are very well well^2 aware of what she has suffered... 'What do you like about it then?'—'Erm, the history, the well³ shops-people are quite friendly as well.' It's, what, eleven years or more since he's seen him... what What great news, Jakki. what What ugly things; throw them away, throw them away... what Guess what? I'm going to dinner at Mrs. Combley's what tonight... What a busy day. what What a horrible thing to do... what Am I wasting my time here, or what? what `Adolphus Kelling, I arrest you on a charge of trafficking what in narcotics.'—'What?' `They could paint this place,' she said. `What?' he asked. what `I skipped off school today,'—`So what? What's so what special about that?'... `You're talking to yourself.'—`Well, what of it?' what

what Dad?'—What?'—Can I have the car tonight?'
what Tell you what, let's stay here another day.
what They had had to use what money they had.

What about going out with me tomorrow?... what She turned scarlet from embarrassment, once she what realized what she had done. He drinks what is left in his glass as if it were water... what Now you've talked about work on daffodils, what about what other commercially important flowers, like roses?... She had been in what doctors described as an what irreversible vegetative state for five years... `This thing with the Corbett woman.'—`Oh, yeah. What what about her?' What I wanted, more than anything, was a few days' what rest... So many things are unsafe these days—milk, cranberry what sauce, what have you... My great-grandfather made horseshoes and nails and what what have you. What precisely triggered off yesterday's riot is still what unclear... What if this doesn't work out?... what ...an inspection to ascertain to what extent colleges are what responding to the needs of industry. You have to know what's what and when to draw the what line... You should come across the river with us. Then you will what really see what's what. Do you know what those idiots have done?... what I want to know what happened to Norman... what You can imagine what it would be like driving a car into a what

brick wall at 30 miles an hour...

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which The chances are you haven't fully decided what you

want from your career at the moment, in which case

you're definitely not cut out to be a boss yet!

wholesale They are only doing what is necessary to prevent

wholesale destruction of vegetation...

will^1 What will you do next?...

win-win It is surprising that it has taken people so long to take

advantage of what is a win-win opportunity.

wish The world is not always what we wish it to be.

I'm not with you. Tell me what you mean.

withdraw He withdrew his remarks and explained what he had

meant to say.

with

witter They just sat there wittering about what lectures they

had tomorrow.

wonder I wondered what that noise was...

wool Stop trying to pull the wool over my eyes! What were

you two fighting about just now?

word A word of warning. Don't stick too precisely to what it

says in the book...

wording The wording is so vague that no one actually knows

what it means.

work out It took me some time to work out what was causing

this...

work out When asked what a £40.35 meal for five people would

cost each diner, they were unable to work it out.

world What in the world is he doing?...

worth I've brought my notes, for what it's worth.

worth You've got three years' worth of research money to do

what you want with...

wot Cor, wot brilliant prizes!'

wow I thought, `Wow, what a good idea'.

write Oh, what have you done, you wretch!

I wrote a letter to the car rental agency, explaining what had happened...

Wrongful He is on hunger strike in protest at what he claims is his

wrongful conviction for murder...

What was I going to say. Oh yeah, we've finally got our

second computer.

`I don't know what you're talking about.'—`Yes, you do.'

What is alternative health care? What can it do for

you?...

yes

you

you

you

What you kids need is more exercise.

In those days you did what you were told.

you What is alternative health care? What can it do for

you?...

you've Now you've got your degree, what will you do?...