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La leçon se déroule en anglais. Elle est suivie d'un entretien en français.

SUBJECT:

"Although it can be argued that there is a basic use of the progressive, there are some problems with its use to refer to habitual and future actions and with its occurrence with certain ('non-progressive') verbs. [...] The progressive indicates action in progress, ie activity continuing throughout a period of time and that in that sense it is durational; in contrast, the non-progressive merely reports the action."

F. R. PALMER, *The English Verb*. Harlow: Longman [1965] 1987, p. 54.

Discuss.

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Excerpt 1

I decided that I was going to give up riding and driving in motorized vehicles. That's a big thing in California. And people would drive up next to me and say, John, what are you doing? And I'd say, well, I'm walking for the environment.

"Why Would Someone Choose Silence For 17 Years?", *NPR*, < www.npr.org/transcripts/364688000 >, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 2

Kralj and his family are moving out next month and made sure to quiz potential new landlords about more than just amenities.

"Tenants of luxe Brooklyn building claim it's overrun with loud, topless co-eds", *New York Post*, 2019, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 3

SP1: Twelfth of November? SP2: Mhm, oh no, it can't be the twelfth of November. SP1: No, that's the tutorial, it must be much later than that. SP2: Sorry, I'm reading the wrong dates here (pause). That's right, it can't be the twelfth, I must have meant the fourteenth.

"London School of Economics: lecture on the psychoanalytical study of society", 1991, BNC

Excerpt 4

He vanished again behind the boat-house, and when I saw him again he was aiming fast for the cliff path, with the bag once again slung over his shoulder.

Mary Stewart, *Stormy Petrel*, 1992

Excerpt 5

VOICEOVER: Heather found her two youngest, they were okay. But Halee wasn't answering her phone. And friends told Heather she didn't show up to take her exam at the university. HEATHER-COLLINS: It's not like her to miss class. Not like her to have her phone turned off. VOICEOVER: Not like Halee Rathgeber to go missing. LESTER-HOLT: What had happened to Halee? When we come back – ANDREA-CANNING: Are you getting a sick feeling? HEATHER-COLLINS: Oh, I was sick all morning. It was so much anxiety.

"On the Outskirt of Town", *NBC News: Dateline NBC*, 2018, COCA

Excerpt 6

She wondered which parts of her own teaching schedule might interest Veronica. 'I'm teaching a course on Virginia Woolf at the moment,' she hazarded. 'That's with the first-years.'

Joan Smith, *A Masculine Ending*, 1988, BNC

Excerpt 7

"I'm just taking care of a few things that can't wait." Liam took a swig of water. "You haven't even showered or shaved. Do you think I can't tell? What time did you go to bed last night? Have you eaten?" He looked away from her. "Why does any of that matter?" "Because I asked you to come in after the movie last night, and you said you had to work. And clearly you've been working again all morning. Maybe all night for all I know." Liam winced. She knew him too well. He was up most of the night, and he slept – briefly – in the clothes he wore yesterday."

Olivia Newport, *Hidden Falls*, 2017, COCA

Excerpt 8

"Excuse me, can you tell me how to get to the medical school? I'm supposed to be giving a lecture in twenty minutes and my driver's a bit lost."

Dumb and Dumber, 1994, COCA

Excerpt 9

O'REILLY: Thank you for staying with us. I'm Bill O'Reilly. Geraldo will be traveling tomorrow so he moved his weekly "Factor" appearance up.

"Geraldo Opines on Andrea Yates, Middle East", *Fox O'Reilly*, 2006, COCA

Excerpt 10

Hirsch didn't see her parents often, because her younger twin brothers lived with several mental disabilities and required more care. "One of my closest friends told me that was why I always liked comedy," she said. "I was always watching TV, because I was always by myself."

"How Caroline Hirsch Shaped 30 Years of Comedy Without Cracking a ...", *The Daily Beast*, 2018, COCA

Excerpt 11

I photographed this young eagle at Lake Delta for about a half hour before it decided to fly away. It was one of the most consistently dark young eagles I've seen. Its feet were dark, I believe, because it had been walking in the mud flats.

"Young Bald Eagle Taking Off (1/10th Speed)", < www.youtube.com/watch?v=VQLCYSRh_2E >, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 12

On Sundays we always watched TV in the evening after we came home from the day's church meetings, and we had the same informal supper every week, which wasn't at all like the dinners we had on any other night.

Judith Freeman, *The Latter Days*, 2016

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Excerpt 13

Growing up, Keith Schreier liked reading, writing, baseball and anything related to Star Wars. But he liked writing best. "He was always writing," said mom Sandy, "always drawing pictures to go along with his writing."
Belleville News-Democrat, < www.bnd.com/living/magazine >, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 14

We sang for hours together, all of us. Even Mom sang with Amato and me. She sang "Return to Sorrento," so I told Mom she had to teach me that song in Italian one of these days.

Lana J. Seraydar, *House to House*, 2016

Excerpt 15

Hurd: As companies collect more information, they are very good at saying, "If you're going to sign up for something, here's what you're agreeing to." Some of those same protections, some of those same issues, need to translate back to the government as well.

Passcode: Let's say some information-sharing bill does pass. Actually implementing that would bring an inevitable organizational challenge. Are people on the Hill starting to think about this issue now?

Hurd: You don't even have information that's being shared within departments. Now you're talking about sharing information across agencies. I've been at the pyramid of the information game and I know what's out there.

"The former spy who infiltrated Congress's cyber policy debate", *Christian Science Monitor*, 2015, COCA

Excerpt 16

My partner is generally a good driver. He had a serious car accident before we met, plus a few bad motorcycle spills – one that caused a broken clavicle. Those accidents seemed to have made an impression. My biggest issue is deciding whether to speak up when he isn't paying attention and misses a turn or starts out going in the wrong direction.

Russell A. Barkley (ed.), *Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder*, 2015

Excerpt 17

I can see why young people choose travel but my two are the complete opposite. Heather and her fiancé have broken their backs to get a deposit together so that they can buy rather than spend money renting ... fortunately they were able to get a lender who would lend them 95% (they move out next week) but we (and they) don't live in London. But my son who is currently renting in London (eye wateringly expensive) has been saving since his first part time job to get a deposit ... he's always wanted to live in London so knew it would be expensive. He has a spreadsheet and is hoping to buy in 4(?) years ... saying that they are working through European cities that they wanted to visit so they are still travelling. For both of mine long haul travel falls well below owning their own home.

Attraction Tickets.com, < www.attractiontickets.com/forum/showthread.php?21812-Millennials-Want-Travel-Before-Mortgages >, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 18

Even seasoned hunters have been betrayed by the thaw, stepping in snow that should be covering ice but instead falling into water. And on Shingle Point, a sandy strip inhabited by Inuvialuit at the tip of the Yukon in Canada, Danny A. Gordon, 70, said it was troubling that fewer icebergs were reaching the bay.

"Old Ways of Life Are Fading as the Arctic Thaws", *New York Times*, 2005, COCA

Excerpt 19

Across the table, Amma slurped her milkshake through a straw, rooting around the foam like an anteater. "Amma, jeez, everybody can hear you." She glanced around at the other tables. "Darling, nobody's even looking at us!" Still, she shook out her straw, laid it on a napkin, and ate the rest with a spoon. They reached Las Vegas a few hours later. They were staying in a motor lodge just off the Strip. It looked like a Swiss chalet made of Lincoln Logs, with fake snow on the roof and plastic icicles hanging from the eaves. As the Cadillac swerved and lurched into the porte cochere, Noah – who had been marking the mileage on the corrugated flap of his cardboard box – saw, with a sinking stomach, that they'd gone only 250 miles out of 2,000.

Leslie Parry, « Said T. E. Lawrence Picking Up his Fork », *Subtropics*, Iss. 25, 2019, COCA

Excerpt 20

"Why not?" She doesn't want to explain that she had drinks with Richard the day before. It's not a secret, but she is trying to concentrate on George. She hands him the corkscrew.

"Why aren't you keeping the glasses?" he asks again.

She should have moved the box to the other room.

"I think Richard from the gallery sent them. I visited again yesterday, and he was there. We went for a drink." At least she is being honest.

"Why would he send you martini glasses?" She slides the lamb chops under the broiler.

"I don't know. He seems like the kind of person who likes to throw people off guard."

Karen Ackland, "Tell Me Something New", *The Carolina Quarterly*, Vol. 68, Iss. 2, 2019, COCA

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SUBJECT:

« [L]’association du present perfect et d’un complément de mesure de la durée indique qu’une action ou un état se prolonge jusqu’au moment présent (voire au-delà), et le complément de mesure indique la durée écoulée depuis le début de cette action ou de cet état : *I’ve been working **for two hours / since lunchtime***. Le choix entre la forme simple et la forme en **BE+ -ING** dépend du type d’événement désigné par le verbe et ses compléments.

a. Present perfect en BE + -ING : actions

L’action possède une conclusion naturelle, mais cette conclusion est marquée comme n’étant pas atteinte au moment présent :

I’ve been scraping the paint on this door since this morning, and there’s still some left.

Je gratte la peinture depuis ce matin, et il en reste encore.

L’action ne possède pas de conclusion naturelle :

He’s been running for an hour. Il court depuis une heure (de temps). [...]

b. Cas d’impossibilité du present perfect en BE + -ING

• État (verbes comme know, believe, etc.) : present perfect simple

On peut appliquer ici une règle simple : si l’emploi de **BE + -ING** est impossible au présent simple, son emploi avec le present perfect est également impossible. Au présent simple (équivalent de « Je connais sa sœur »), on dira *I know his sister* (et non **I’m knowing his sister* [...]) Donc on aura en anglais :

I’ve known his sister for ten years. Je connais sa sœur depuis dix ans.

Il est impossible d’avoir **I’ve been knowing his sister for ten years*.

Cette règle s’applique aux **verbes d’état difficilement compatibles avec BE + -ING** [...] : *have* (exprimant la possession, la parenté, ...), *own*, *have*, *be*, *seem*, *believe*, *remember*, *know*, etc. Autre exemple :

Penelope has had a villa on a Greek island since she became a star. Penelope a une villa dans une île grecque depuis qu’elle est devenue une star. (On ne pourrait pas dire **Penelope is having a villa*) »

Paul LARREYA & Claude RIVIÈRE, *Grammaire explicative de l’anglais*. 4^e éd. Paris : Pearson, 2010, p. 72-73.

Discuss.

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Excerpt 1

"The Carrera Agency is my "go to" agency for software development talent. They understand my specific needs and their support is excellent. I have been working with them for over four years and they just keep getting better and better."

The Carrera Agency, < www.thecarreraagency.com >, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 2

We have been working towards sustainability for many years and recognise that the task ahead of us is a marathon, not a sprint.

"Sustainability History", *Adidas*, < www.adidas-group.com/en/sustainability/managing-sustainability/sustainability-history/ >, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 3

Nurses at a mental health facility which cares for patients with acute psychiatric needs have been working for 27 hours straight and expect to have to work through the night again.

The Journal, < www.thejournal.ie/psychiatric-nurses-strike-3-4480425-Feb2019/ >, 2019, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 4

Emanuel served as Obama's first White House chief of staff. He's known Biden for decades — dating back to when Emanuel was a brash young strategist for former President Bill Clinton, [...].

The Chicago Suntimes, < <https://chicago.suntimes.com/fran-spielman-show/2019/11/22/20978343/former-chicago-mayor-rahm-emanuel-handicaps-democratic-presidential-primary-race> >, 2019, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 5

Regarding socialism in the U.S.: I think the consensus here is that we have a mixed economy, and we've had that for a long time.

Statistical Modeling, Causal Inference, and Social Science, < <https://statmodeling.stat.columbia.edu/2019/05/13/when-we-had-fascism-in-the-united-states/> >, 2019, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 6

"As both an IT Executive and as a professional, I have been supported by The Carrera Agency in multiple ways. As an IT Executive, I have had their support for management and professional training, consulting and also interim software engineering consulting support. I have recommended this team to several other CIO's in the Orange County / San Diego area for the last 10 years."

The Carrera Agency, < www.thecarreraagency.com >, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 7

My production facility has been having problems for years centered around the production order confirmation process. My colleagues and I are considering submitting an OSS note to SAP, but figured that we should present our problems in these forums before making that next step.

"Community", *SAP*, < <https://answers.sap.com/questions/6705526/production-order-confirmation-problems.html> >, 2009, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 8

I'd like to share an idea I've been having for quite a while and that AWS implemented recently. I'd like to gather some feedback on the matter.

Foreman, "Foreman Community Forums", < <https://community.theforeman.org/t/login-to-hosts-via-hammer-cli/14643> >, 2019, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 9

This fortnight of mayhem has also taken a heavy toll on the cops. It's been a non-stop duty across ranks. All leaves remain cancelled. Personnel have been told to log out of social media. Six reserved companies, each comprising 80-150 cops, have been pressed into service.

Even some non-field personnel from the police lines have been roped in as the force has been stretched to the limit. The Delhi Police have 85,000 cops in police stations and police lines.

"After the Jamia violence, I have been working for more than 16-20 hours a day. The entire force is on its toes to avert untoward incidents," said a constable posted in South Delhi.

"Non-stop duty, cancelled leaves: How CAA stir has taken a toll on cops", *India Today*, < www.indiatoday.in/mail-today/story/caa-protest-taking-a-toll-on-police-1632438-2019-12-30 >, 2019, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 10

Thanks so much to everyone who has sponsored me so far, we have raised almost £1000 for a fantastic cause, which equates to 40 hours of Macmillan nursing support. I will use this fact as a motivator at about midday when I have been running for an hour and feel like stopping for a lie down.

Just Giving, < www.justgiving.com/fundraising/joanna-bowles >, 2012, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 11

Fran and Christine stand, their breath coming deep and snagged, as if they have been running for hours, nervous sweat turning their hair to ropes.

David Thomas Moore, Emma Newman & Paul Meloy, *Creatures: The Legend of Frankenstein*, 2018

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Excerpt 12

It was like he had been screaming for the last couple of years but nobody could hear what he was saying.

John J. Whelan, *Going Crazy in the Green Machine*, 2014

Excerpt 13

If you worked for 1 hour straight without any distractions, you know you've given your best. You can proudly say you have worked for an hour.

"How To Get Work Done every single day", *Utkarsh Kumar Notes*, < <http://utkarshkumarnotes.com/how-to-get-work-done-every-single-day%E2%80%8A-%E2%80%8Atime-intensive-work/> >, 2019, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 14

Both Ed and Dianna have been living on the property since 1994.

Tiny House Design, < www.tinyhousesdesign.com/read/airbnb-lists-converted-cold-war-nuclear-missile-silo-as.html >, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 15

House spiders belong to a small number of species specially adapted for indoor conditions [...] Some house spider species have been living indoors at least since the days of the Roman Empire.

"Myth: Spiders come indoors in the fall", *Burke Museum*, < www.burkemuseum.org/collections-and-research/biology/arachnology-and-entomology/spider-myths/myth-spiders-come-indoors >, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 16

France has a historic relationship with Poland and has a relatively large Polish-descendant population. Poles have lived in France since the 18th century. In the early 20th century, over a million Polish people settled in France, mostly during world wars, [...].

Wikipedia, "Poles", < <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Poles> >, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 17

"We've been asking to sit down with the State Government for a very long time and we haven't met with much or any success in that regard."

"Entire town faces eviction, but Mintabie locals prepare their legal battle to stay", *ABC*, < www.abc.net.au/news/2019-02-13/mintabie-locals-to-fight-permanent-eviction/10804162 >, 2019, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 18

The rumors that have been circling for years have finally proven true.

Variety, < <https://variety.com/2019/music/news/my-chemical-romance-reunion-los-angeles-shrine-concert-1203389792/> >, 2019, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 19

People who have been screaming for years about how guys on the challenge using steroids MIGHT finally have a point with the 2 dudes from MTV UK's Ex on the Beach!

Reddit, < www.reddit.com/ >, 2018

Excerpt 20

When you've run for an hour and you come back, cooking isn't really a priority.

"What should I eat after a run?", *Digitsole*, < www.digitsole.com/what-should-i-eat-after-running/ >, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 21

Think of it like this: you have been running for hours on a treadmill to the point you are breathless, and someone suddenly turns it off and asks you to step off and fall asleep. I can't.

Inc., < www.inc.com/quora/an-entrepreneur-shares-her-tips-for-a-mentally-restful-vacation.html >, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 22

Mrs. Dev: Gopa! Gopa! (enters the stage and sees Gopa watching TV) Oh! So, that's what you've been doing all this while? (Gopa continues watching the fight on the TV; she shakes him)

Gopa: Why? What's the matter, Mummy? I've finished my home work! What's the problem now?

Mrs. Dev: I have told you several times not to watch TV for long durations!... I think you have been watching it for more than two hours now!... Come on Gopa! Now shut it off.

Gopa: Oh! Mummy, wait! It's my favourite programme! 'Super Samurai'! It has just started! I can't miss it...

Mrs. Dev: (goes to the TV and shuts it off)... Doesn't matter if you don't watch it today! You've been watching TV for a long time! You should have known!

Dilip M. Salwi, *Science Is My Best Friend & Plays*, 1999

Excerpt 23

Once we are older, we will be able to do what we are supposed to do. [...] There are so many logical mistakes in this belief that it puzzles me how we all have been believing this for years, without questioning it.

Odyssey, < www.theodysseyonline.com/thing-need-know-about-growing >, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 24

As I said earlier, I've been knowing Bob for several years now, and today's conversation was the most I'd ever heard him say about his three war tours in Vietnam. I've learnt over the years that the guys who are always talking about their war experiences, at least in front of guys like me who weren't there in the jungle with them, are usually the guys who didn't do much.

John Myers, *The Crossland Shootout*, 2000

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SUBJECT:

"STATES, which may endure or persist over stretches of time, differ from accomplishments and activities in that they [...] cannot be qualified as actions at all [...]. Verbs expressing states do not have progressive forms: we cannot say – at any rate not in good English – *I am knowing* or *I am loving*. A state, as the name implies, involves no dynamics. Though it may arise, or be acquired, as a result of change, and though it may provide the potential of change, the state itself does not constitute a change."

Alexander P. D. MOURELATOS, "Events, processes, and states", *Linguistics and Philosophy* 2.3, 1978, p. 415.

Discuss.

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Excerpt 1

The young woman speaks only broken Polish, so they switch to German after a while. Vitzmanova has no idea that I understand German better than she does! I sit very quietly listening to their conversation, trying to look bored, as if I don't understand them. Vitzmanova has told me that she's "Folkesdeutsche," – that is, "Ethnic German" – someone of German origins who lives outside Germany.

Leslie Cohen, *Trapped Inside the Story: The Biography of Naomi Kalsky*, 2007

Excerpt 2

"We can't leave her here by herself!" "Watch me!" He turned to the kitchen. He got a bottle, water, and some formula from the counter. He mixed the water and formula, and gave Jenna a dirty look. "What are you doing?" "I'm making a rocket.

Isabella Aliza & Alyssa K. Wallace, *Our Falling Tears*, 2012

Excerpt 3

Up until that moment, I had seen a mother's value and function for her child only in terms of loving and caring, but suddenly I understood that she also had to connect her child to the outside world, and that to do so, she had to be connected to this world herself.

Sacha van Rood, *From Fragmentation to Coherence*, 2014

Excerpt 4

He started to kiss her from head to toe. He kissed her in different places all over her body. "What are you doing?" "I'm loving you." He walked out of the room. He walked back into the living room with a brush. He started to brush her hair. "What are you doing?" "I'm grooming you." he said. She threw the brush on the floor. "You are a bizarre man. I do not need you to groom me. I really thought you grew out of the teenage phase of being in love with me.

Matthew Ray, *Love idiot*, 2010

Excerpt 5

"Do you run?" "Yes." "I thought so," she said. "Why?" "Because you're muscular but not bulky." "Oh." I wanted to compliment her but found myself tongue-tied.

Renée Carlino, *After the Rain*, 2014

Excerpt 6

"Only I was filling a job description. Not looking for... not looking for love. I didn't think I was capable of loving. Until I started loving the twins so much it hurt," he added softly. "And then... and then I started loving you."

Trisha David, *McTavish and Twins*, 2011

Excerpt 7

People got sick everywhere in the world and they kept going, kept being mothers and fathers. People lost loved ones everywhere in the world and they kept going, so why couldn't I?

Kari Rosvall & Naomi Linehan, *Nowhere's Child*, 2015

Excerpt 8

"Guess who called me at the office today?" "You know I don't like to play games, Samuel." "The President of the United States." "Now you're being silly. Why would the President of the whole United States call a person like you? He has more important people to talk to." "Maybe he thinks that I'm important." "You're being silly again, Samuel."

William E. Blaine Jr., *The Life of Samuel O. Sherlock*, 2011

Excerpt 9

Some of the people that work at the hotel are always knowing too much of your business, (they told me what I ate and where I went the day before, kinda scared...).

Tripadvisor, < www.tripadvisor.fr/ShowUserReviews-g150812-d154731-r46457210-Hotel_Tukan_Beach_Club-Playa_del_Carmen_Yucatan_Peninsula.html >, 2009, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 10

A fire crew, paramedics and an air ambulance were called to the scene near the entrance to the Upper Wensleydale Business Park on Brunt Acres Road, Hawes, North Yorkshire, shortly after midday on Saturday. While the couple in their 30s were leaning against a stone wall, the woman fell backwards over it. As the man tried to grab her, he went tumbling, too, and they both slipped down a steep bank on the other side.

"'Amorous' couple rescued after fall", *The Belfast Telegraph*, < www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/uk/amorous-couple-rescued-after-fall-29014148.html >, 2013, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 11

In these days I reach the point where the complexities of the documents became really difficult to manage with RTF generator, moreover we need a software that permits the customers to create a master word document [...].

"OpenXml Office format, open and substitute text", *Codewrecks*, < www.codewrecks.com/blog/index.php/category/programming/office/page/2/ >, 2008

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Excerpt 12

The other evening I texted my cousin Cecilia [...] asking her if she wanted to meet up the next day. She is a cool gal so of course she answered "Sorry, I can't. I am going horseback riding in the sea tomorrow morning" to which I immediately replied "don't care if I am not invited, count me in!"

"Horseback Riding in Sardinia", *Lisa in the World*, < <https://lisaintheworld.com/horseback-riding-in-sardinia/?lang=en> >, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 13

What a procession of voids and nothings extends over the reddish blue that will pale in the vast expanses of crystalline space! I don't know what I want or don't want. I've stopped wanting, stopped knowing how to want, stopped knowing the emotions or thoughts by which people generally recognise that they want something or want to want it. I don't know who I am or what I am. Like someone buried under a collapsed wall, I lie under the toppled vacuity of the entire universe.

Fernando Pessoa, *The Book of Disquiet*, 2002

Excerpt 14

For instance, in arguing that much of our knowledge is not self-conscious, I indicated how I can know that there is a green field before me without even believing that I know this.

Robert Audi, *Epistemology: A Contemporary Introduction to the Theory of Knowledge*, 2003

Excerpt 15

"Now, when I'm gathering information about a prospect, I do what every other agent does. I get his age, where he works, how much he makes, how many kids he's got, and so on. But I also get something else which most salesmen never search for—that is, some sound reasons why I can like the prospect. Maybe the job he's doing will supply the reason, or perhaps I can find it someplace in his past record. But I find some good reasons to like him.

David J. Schwartz, *The Magic of Thinking Big*, 2012

Excerpt 16

"OK, is the sofa comfortable for you?" "Yes, as always." "Good! Now rest your head back and watch the silver ball, moving back and forth. Do you see it?" "Yes, I can see it."

C. A. Almeida, *Opus*, 2009

Excerpt 17

"Oh yes," said Sissi confused, "I have a friend who is white and I'd like him to marry me." "I see, I see. Give me your consultation money."

Thomas E. Mveng, *The Challenge*, 2009

Excerpt 18

"I see. I see!" shouted the blind man with great emotion.

Esquire, 1940

Excerpt 19

"Do you see the horses now?" "Yes, I can see them, but put me down!" "No, I will not. I love you up there on my shoulders. You're just a hundred pounds, honey.

Earl Cooke, *Redemption of a Dark Hero*, 2012

Excerpt 20

He told her parents that she was lazy and "as long as school work is okay, why bother? Kids will be like that." At this time, Aalia did not tell the doctor she was hearing voices because she was afraid that he might harm her and her family.

Katherine M. Boydell & H. Bruce Ferguson, *Hearing Voices: Qualitative Inquiry in Early Psychosis*, 2012

Excerpt 21

They half listened to each other as they painted. "My mother painted," Wildman was saying. "I can see you've had some tutoring." "Yes, in the grounds at Chilham." Wildman continued with his recollections of his home. [...] Michel Jean smiled, cherishing this new companionship. He was understanding the young man's need for him.

Lawrence Scott, *Light Falling on Bamboo*, 2012

Excerpt 22

Over the past 13 years, "I'm Lovin' It" has gone on to become by far the longest-running McDonald's slogan in history.

Pitchfork, < <https://pitchfork.com/thepitch/1227-the-contentious-tale-of-the-mcdonalds-im-lovin-it-jingle/> >, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 23

A German judge who was hearing a case against three accused Turkish heroin smugglers told reporters in January that he believed the smugglers had "personal contacts" with Mrs. Ciller.

Stephen Kinzer, "Once the Hope of Secular Turks, Ex-Leader Is Now Widely Reviled", *New York Times*, 1997, COCA

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La leçon se déroule en anglais. Elle est suivie d'un entretien en français.

SUBJECT:

"What is important to maintain is that there is no immediate connection between the present perfect in present-day English and the fundamental aspectual concept of perfectivity [...] In spite of this the category of the English perfect is sometimes referred to by the term "perfective aspect" (e.g. in Quirk et al. 1972, 1985 and in Johansson - Lysvåg 1986).

Whether the perfect should be recognised as an aspect will depend on the kind of definition of that category that one chooses to operate with."

Johan ELSNESS, *The Perfect and the Preterite in Contemporary and Earlier English*. Berlin / New York: Mouton de Gruyter, 1997, p. 18.

Discuss.

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Excerpt 1

Then she saw the sausage. Wrapped in a serviette it was lying on the lap of a fat, snoozing gentleman. [...] She gently eased it off his lap, gave it a few licks and pushed it over to me for first bite. I promptly eased it back onto the lap and desperately tried to imitate someone who has been asleep for hours, with his arm wrapped fiercely round his dog.

Dogs Today, 1992, BNC

Excerpt 2

VOICE OVER: A company leasing cars to health authorities and councils has already moved into one of the units.

FEMALE SPEAKER: It's an ideal place to work... much quieter than in town.

Central News, 1985-1994, BNC

Excerpt 3

"You figured wrong. I have no idea how to get in touch with Rafe. I haven't heard from him since he left. For all I know, he's been dead for the past five weeks."

Mrs. Jenkins glanced up at that, her beady eyes concerned. I mustered a smile. "Sorry, Mrs. Jenkins. I'm sure he's not. I just haven't heard from him, is all."

Jenna Bennette, *Contract Pending*, 2011

Excerpt 4

BILLY BRAGG plays his annual New Year shows with THE RED STARS at London's Hackney Empire on December 29, 30 and 31. The Hackney shows are the fifth year in succession that the Bard of Barking has sung in the New Year.

New Musical Express, 1985-1994, BNC

Excerpt 5

The illusion of an automatic tabula rasa also undermines the need for society to reflect on the consciousness that evolved under the conditions of the past 40 years. Since communism as well as 'socialism' has been forever assigned to history's dustbin, there appears no pressing need for society to come to terms with just what that system was or how it continues to manifest itself.

New Statesman and Society, 1992, BNC

Excerpt 6

In fact I was ill the next day, and have been ill since then. The terrible night I spent at Wuthering Heights was the cause of my illness, and I blame Mr Heathcliff for it. Dr Kenneth has warned me I won't be able to go out until the spring. All I can do is lie in bed, listening to the howling wind and staring at the grey northern sky. So I've decided to ask Mrs Dean to come upstairs and finish telling me her story.

Emily Brontë, *Wuthering Heights*, 1847

Excerpt 7

Jones, a 600,000 bargain buy from Crewe last October, hoped that rest over the summer would clear up the problem. But the pains have continued to trouble him and now surgeons feel an operation is the only answer.

The Daily Mirror, 1985-1994, BNC

Excerpt 8

The Booksellers Association staff on duty at the Torquay conference had a distraught call from the switchboard at BA headquarters in Vauxhall Bridge Road on Monday. 'We've had the Somerset police on the line. What have you guys been getting up to there?'

The Bookseller, 1994, BNC

Excerpt 9

'We were worried about you,' Ianthe explained, sitting down on the edge of the narrow bed. 'So I told Mervyn I'd come and see if you were all right.' 'Were you worried about me?' he asked, his voice breaking into a croak. 'Well, of course,' she said in confusion, unable to meet the penetrating glance of his brown eyes. 'I've brought you a few things,' she said, glancing back to where her basket stood on the floor.

'Thank you,' he said. 'And you brought yourself – that's the most important thing.'

In a sense he was right. When one is ill it's the knowledge that somebody cared enough to come and see one that matters more than the flowers and the lemon barley water. 'I must try and make you more comfortable,' she said. 'Hasn't anybody been looking after you or bringing you food?'

Barbara Pym, *An Unsuitable Attachment*, 1993, BNC

Excerpt 10

A Nepalese climber has summited the world's 14 highest peaks in six months and six days, smashing the previous record by more than seven years.

Nirmal "Nims" Purja, who served in the British military before attempting the lofty feat, reached the top of Mount Shishapangma in China on Tuesday morning.

"Nepalese Climber Summits World's 14 Highest Peaks In 6 Months, Smashing Record", *NPR*, < www.npr.org/2019/10/29/774350376 >, last accessed in 2020

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Excerpt 11

I have cleaned this range twice using the Aqualift system and it is still as soiled as before I "cleaned" it. Also my convection bake turns off after about 5 minutes.

Colonial Television & Appliance Center, < www.colonialtelevisionappliancecenter.com >, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 12

Britain's Parliament Square has returned to a kind of peace. MPs are off on their Easter break, thanks to the latest Brexit deadline extension. Most of the protesters are taking an Easter break too, it seems, and have suspended their pageantry of 12-foot banners and elaborate costumes, competing for the world's attention.

But the presumption, now commonplace, that the UK's constitution and political system are broken has remained. That seems an unnecessarily fearful conclusion, as well as a misreading of what has changed. There have been some shifts in parliamentary procedure.

Financial Times, < www.ft.com >, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 13

Gooch has complained too many times now that the players needed to compete more keenly. Along with team manager Keith Fletcher, they both continually insist that the England team is packed with quality players. But performances have been consistently below par for too long and drastic action needs to be taken.

Liverpool Daily Post and Echo, 1985-1994, BNC

Excerpt 14

'We're going to hire a car and do some touring,' he declared. 'My friend's never been here before. We'll drive until we find somewhere to stop for the night.'

Eddy Shah, The Lucy Ghosts, 1993, BNC

Excerpt 15

We'll start today by visiting a compulsive saver at her home on Long Island. Frances is 70 years old, and she says she's had problems with this all her life. She's only recently been diagnosed with obsessive-compulsive disorder.

FRANCES: I've been hoarding a long time. I've been cluttering a long time, more than – more than actually hoarding. They – they sort of go together for me.

Fred Goodwin, Hoarding and Clutter, 2002

Excerpt 16

Look at what we have been finding out...

On Friday 15th November, Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed 'Roman Day'. The children made mosaics, created Roman pottery, took part in a Roman feast and ended the day in the amphitheatre with some hand to hand combat! Have a look at our photos and videos below...

Carnarvon Primary School, < www.carnarvon.notts.sch.uk >, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 17

And if the shouting weren't bad enough, all of a sudden the mice began wailing: 'The brute is loose! The brute is loose!' More ducks arrived, shouting, 'He has escaped from his garden! The monster is running loose!' 'And he's destroying everything!' shrieked the shrews.

Stephen Lawhead, A tale of Anabelle Hedgehog, 1990, BNC

Excerpt 18

Suzanne majored in pre-med and biology at Mary Washington College. While predominately self-taught, she has studied with master painters throughout the country.

The Winter Park Paint Out, < www.winterparkpaintout.org >, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 19

There was no noise, no clue. She looked down it: all she could see was blackness. When she had thrown the gravel, there had been someone in the pill-box directly ahead of her. But he might have had time to move. She could see partly into the little room at the end of the main tunnel. On the floor there were some charred branches. She could smell the wood-smoke: someone had been trying to light a fire. Pressed against the wall so she couldn't be seen, Marie edged her way, very quietly, towards the pill-box. There was a smile on her face. She was thinking: 'I've got you now, Gazer! I've got you now!'

Susan Gates, The Lock, 1990, BNC

Excerpt 20

'My dear Gwendolen,' he cut in impatiently, disengaging her from his new blazer. 'Of course I meant it. I am extremely sorry, but I have just had a most trying time.' He forced a laugh. 'Among other matters. Mr Dickens's Datchery has come back, you might say. And as to you, we are –' remembering his diplomacy – 'we are good companions, but I haven't the least wish to remarry.'

Amy Myers, Murder Makes an Entrée, 1992, BNC

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SUBJECT:

"Aspect, as we have been concerned with it hitherto, has been concerned with different ways of representing the internal temporal constitution of a situation. The perfect is rather different from these aspects, since it tells us nothing directly about the situation in itself,¹ but rather relates some state to a preceding situation. As a preliminary illustration of this, to be amplified and modified in the detailed discussion below, we may contrast the English sentences *I have lost* (Perfect) *my penknife* and *I lost* (non-Perfect) *my penknife*. One possible difference between these two is that with the Perfect, there is an implication that the penknife is still lost, whereas with the non-Perfect there is no such implication. More generally, the perfect indicates the continuing present relevance of a past situation. This difference between the perfect and the other aspects has led many linguists to doubt whether the perfect should be considered an aspect at all.² However, given the traditional terminology in which the perfect is listed as an aspect, it seems most convenient to deal with the perfect in a book on aspect, while bearing in mind continually that it is an aspect in a rather different sense from the other aspects treated so far.

¹ In those languages where the perfect is combinable with other aspectual categories, then these other categories may give information about the situation per se, as in the English Progressive *John has been feeding the goldfish*.

² A discussion of the background to this problem is given by Maslov (1962b: 30-2)."

Bernard COMRIE, *Aspect*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1976, p. 52.

Discuss.

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Excerpt 1

Studies show that, of those adults with such fear, more than 70% say they started experiencing it when they were kids. Painful dental experiences are known to be a risk factor for dental fear, and research has found that 35% of kids between the ages of 6 and 14 say they have experienced pain in the dental chair.

University of Washington, < washington.edu >, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 2

Two huge sycamore trees which have stood in Salford for 50 years will have to be chopped down after vandals attacked them. Vandals have gouged one metre ring around each tree in Lyon Grove, Worsley, right down to the bare wood – a practice known as girdling. It means the entire tree will now die as it cannot draw up water and food because of the breach in the bark.

ITV, < itv.com >, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 3

If President Obama had lived his life in China rather than the U.S. he “most likely would be in prison – or much, much worse,” Sen. Tom Cotton (R-Ark.) said on Capitol Hill ahead of Chinese President Xi Jinping’s state visit to Washington this week.

CNS News, < cnsnews.com >, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 4

Some mention was made by various authors regarding the sanitary surroundings of their patients or the stresses to which they had been subjected. Paget’s first case lived in a cold, damp place in the north of England. Of 16 other English cases, 2 had lived for 8 years in public institutions; 1 was born and lived in Rangoon; 1 had had 14 years tropical service in the army; 1 had lived in Kent, England, and another in Kingston on Thames; 3 had lived in London, 1 of them in the Marlybone district; another London case had been much exposed during work at the London docks; 1 had lived in a poor environment; 1 had not been exposed to damp and cold, and 2 had good homes.

U.S. Treasury Department, Public Health Bulletin, 1933

Excerpt 5

Having been travelling the south seas, and performing in over 20 cities and 10 countries, Jarred brings his brand new show to Christchurch for a strictly limited five-night run. A show about tricking and hacking the system and audiences while they’re right in front of him.

Eventfinda, < eventfinda.co.nz >, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 6

When these first twenty minutes were over, I waited patiently for a further ten, and then found myself confronted with this dilemma: either Cecilia had arrived before me by taxi (this was not improbable: I had had to stop at three sets of traffic lights), or she had not arrived at all. What ought I to do? Wait for her to come out or go away? I was so sure that Cecilia had gone to see Luciani that day that in the end I decided to wait. Furthermore, I said to myself, if Cecilia had arrived, say, five minutes before me, I should anyhow have thirty-five minutes less to wait.

Alberto Moravia, Boredom, 2011

Excerpt 7

A car salesman has been selling cars at the local dealership for the past 15 years. He knows that he has a .17 chance of selling a car to any person he shows a car to. Out of the next three customers he shows a car to, what is the probability he will sell a car to only the last two customers?

Algebra: Probability and statistics, < www.algebra.com/algebra/homework/Probability-and-statistics/Probability-and-statistics.faq.question.245001.html >, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 8

I was born and reared in Kilbeggan, Co. Westmeath, Ireland but have been living in Croghan, Co. Offaly for the last 30 years or so. It was always my dream to get involved in showbiz and the opportunity came in 1987 when I recorded a song entitled ‘Brown Eyes’. Such was its success that it headed straight to the top of the charts and remained at No. 1 for several weeks. There and then I decided to pack in my day job with Bord-Na-Mona and embark on a full time career in music.

Reverb Nation, < reverbnation.com >, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 9

Many children do not understand that cows produce milk for their young, just like other mammals. This workshop helps children to understand how the cow makes milk, why the cow makes milk and how we collect and use that milk. With an opportunity to learn about dairy produce before making their own butter.

Countryside Classroom, < countrysideclassroom.org.uk >, last accessed in 2020

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Excerpt 10

2020 Kindergarten Registration will be a two-step process for families. The first step begins on March 1, when the online registration portal will open for incoming Kindergarten families to begin the process. The online registration portal will be available at www.parmacityschools.org/registration.

Parma City School District, < parmacityschools.org >, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 11

"It has always been the case that I'm incredibly privileged to manage this Club, for any amount of games, whether it be the three games I did two years ago, the interim period I had in recent times and to be back here again in terms of making sure that we try to help take the Club forward again."

Leyton Orient, < leytonorient.com >, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 12

'Betsy is still missing,' Samuel said. 'The boys have searched high and low. She has vanished off the face of the earth. It's the renegade's doing.' 'It would be such a shame not to exact your revenge,' Lud said, his voice rich with malice. 'I have been so looking forward to the spectacle. Do you have something belonging to her? I'll soon sniff her out if you do.' Samuel disappeared into the room he'd shared with Betsy and returned with one of her handkerchiefs. 'I have this.'

Alan Gibbons, Renegade Book 3, 2010

Excerpt 13

Cry if you feel like it. Notice if you feel relief after the tears stop. If you are feeling sad, plan a day to wallow. Plan a day or evening just to be alone, listen to melancholy music, and observe your thoughts and feelings.

Very Well Mind, < verywellmind.com >, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 14

Most councils will have been doing some work in this area anyway – but the declaration is likely to speed it up. "It's not as if we've suddenly realised it's an issue," says Gordon Jackson, chair of the climate change and innovation board at Guildford Council.

Inside Housing, < insidehousing.co.uk >, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 15

I lay very still looking up at that ceiling carved with angels ascending to heaven and I said: "Don Felipe, I hate what I have seen today. I hate your country. I hate your cold and calculating cruelty. You believe yourself to be a religious man [...]."

Philippa Carr, The Lion Triumphant, 2013

Excerpt 16

For the past few weeks I have got up at 5 and headed off to sport science to do upper body work and fight the machine [...]. As usual the results are astounding, the deep throb is getting less and the left knee pain from the patella has nearly gone [...].

David Grier, < <http://davidgrier.co.za/preparing-for-india> >, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 18

"When women cross traditional gender boundaries, they take a step up in the social hierarchy. But when men do so, it is more taboo and they are ridiculed," Tjeder, a lecturer and expert on gender and masculinity at Stockholm University, says.

"It could be that it is Sweden. We are known for equality and gender and it is a reaction along the lines of, 'look they have gone so far, the men are even wearing skirts'," he jokes.

"Swedish men in skirts 'unlikely to start a trend' ", The Local, < www.thelocal.se/20130609/48400 >, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 19

"But the parents are leaving again tomorrow. Mom says she needs an extended vacation. We need to get together... you and I," continued Tory wistfully. "There is so much I need to tell you."

Lara Daniels, Love in Paradise, 2014

Excerpt 20

It's been over a year since you've been gone... 5 months and 18 days more since I last had a whiff of your beautiful hair and rose-scented skin. The seasons did their cartwheels, my roots got crushed, my branches got bruised and my heart stopped beating for a while.

"Since You've Been Gone", HuffPost, < huffpost.com >, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 21

As the guys reached Patrick's office, they could see he had been waiting for them. "Welcome gentlemen!" Patrick said enthusiastically. "I hope you all had a great weekend! Anyone do anything fun?"

Jeremy Fyke et al., Stretching Boundaries: Cases in Organizational and Managerial Communication, 2016

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SUBJECT:

- "a. Algernon is reaching the top.
- b. 'Bright Star' is winning the race.

In these sentences, the viewpoint focuses an interval that is preliminary to the single stage of an Achievement event. The event itself is not included in the span of the viewpoint. This type of imperfective sentence appears in many languages, as we have seen.

Similarly, the viewpoints of resultative sentences have a span that does not include the event schema. Resultatives have an imperfective viewpoint that focuses a resultant interval of a telic event."

Carlota S. SMITH, *Parameter of Aspect*. Dordrecht: Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1997, p. 82.

Discuss.

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Excerpt 1

We can not be like Red Indians, sitting in a circle and acting as one man. "Do you think we have lost that forever?" Menzies looked at him in astonishment, then took his flask from his hip pocket and offered him a dram.

David Craig, *King Cameron*, 1991, BNC

Excerpt 2

The world is "losing the race" against climate change, UN chief Antonio Guterres warned Thursday at the elite Davos forum, demanding bolder action from governments to arrest catastrophic warming.

" 'We are Losing the Race' on Climate Change: UN Chief", *Bangkok Post*, < www.bangkokpost.com/world/1617146/we-are-losing-the-race-on-climate-change-un-chief >, 2019, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 3

I am losing again and again... I don't know why... is it because they know how to deal with Italian opening ???

"Why Am I Losing to 900+ ???", *Chess*, < www.chess.com/forum/view/general/why-am-i-losing-to-900 >, 2018, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 4

My friends think that I am losing my mind. And I am wondering whether it is the Devil's work.

Petronella Pulsford, *Lee's Ghost*, 1990, BNC

Excerpt 5

And when I slam out of the hotel to face Darius in the street, I have Rachel right beside me. Which may make her happy but means that I am losing my marbles, and Darius thinks I've betrayed him, and Victor would swallow his cigar.

Russell James, *Underground*, 1989, BNC

Excerpt 6

In just a couple minutes I spotted a single Red-winged Blackbird perched in a tree high above the trail.

"Rainy Stroll in Centennial", *INaturalist*, < www.inaturalist.org/journal/joeg170 >, 2019, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 7

He fell and only by luck avoided to fall right into his own lance. It took him minutes to regain his consciousness. He began to crawl. He could hardly believe that he reached the summit and he was still alive. He was remembering a similar situation when he was trying to go back to the Shelter with George on his back.

Kalman Lehoczy, *Lehota and the Green Spell*, 2012

Excerpt 8

And then, looking at the workmen, and the yellow emerging stone, she almost noticed that the station was not intended to be a station but a work of art, a building ambitiously decorated with scrolls and figures and carvings: ill-decorated, but decorated nonetheless.

Margaret Drabble, *Jerusalem the Golden*, 1988, BNC

Excerpt 9

For a long time I have been trying to write about this experience, as my close friend and I almost built a successful Blockchain startup, but unfortunately, we started a little later than it should have been. I am very glad that this happened to me and we tried to create our own project and we even managed to earn good money with this, but we still could not continue.

Il Kadyrov, "How We Almost Built a Successful Startup but Started Too Late", *Medium*, < <https://medium.com/swlh/how-we-almost-build-a-successful-startup-but-started-too-late-d2bbd1a7aa52> >, 2019, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 10

Another mysterious symptom: as if they didn't have enough problems already, green turtles from Florida to Australia have been turning up with horrific cancerous tumours. Nobody knows why, any more than anyone knows why amphibians are disappearing, dolphins are dying or coral is turning white. The only constant seems to be global warming.

BBC Wildlife, 1992, BNC

Excerpt 11

Well I can't stop their perception of the fact that the staff that are disappearing out of the office come from the P T section.

British Rail Team Brief Meeting, 1993, BNC

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Excerpt 12

They gave her a prescription that was correct but ended up being too strong and they changed it no questions asked. Then, today my daughter broke her glasses but because I bought the protection plan they are replacing them for free.

"Recommended Review", *Yelp*, < www.yelp.com/biz/eyeglass-world-jacksonville >, 2015, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 13

He drank up, shook our hands, patted my shoulder, and left through the street door.

Stephen Dixon, *Cochran*, 2013, COCA

Excerpt 14

After that the rest of the evening had followed its predictable course. Jerry and the lads had drunk up and departed, winking and jokily reminding Mario that he had to be at work tomorrow. The pub emptied, Gemma finished clearing up and the two of them left together at eleven forty.

Jill Mansell, *Making Your Mind Up*, 2008

Excerpt 15

"These development owners spend many millions on infrastructure – water, roads, electricity, permits – which in a third-world country like this can be a time- and money-consuming process," said Mr. Martin, who owns a company that sells high-end bathroom fixtures, windows and doors and has built homes in Colorado, Arizona and Mexico.

Perry Garfinkel, "There's a Silver Lining in Costa Rica's Gold Coast", *New York Times*, 2009, COCA

Excerpt 16

But he is on leave this week, and has got up at 6 every morning to take me to work, as I was nervous to drive through the floods and gales and then comes and picks me up again after.

Mumsnet, < www.mumsnet.com/Talk/am_i_being_unreasonable/1997845-Look-what-me-man-got-me-for-valentines-I-feel-so-loved-and-spoiled-I-love-me-man-He-makes-me-feel-whole >, 2014, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 17

Loucks says the technology is still several years in the future.

"We've been building plants for years, ever since at least 1920. Each one of them can get oil out of the rock," he said. "We know how to heat it up to 900 degrees but in no case have we ever shown that that may work and made a buck."

Sandy Shore, "High Oil Prices Prompt New Look at Shale", *Associated Press*, 2005, COCA

Excerpt 18

"We have been finding more and more of these autoimmune related skin diseases and it's time we recognize this as a new category of inflammatory keratinization disease," says co-author Kazumitsu Sugiura.

"Nagoya University Researchers Define New Category of Genetic Skin Diseases", *News-Medical.net*, 2017, COCA

Excerpt 19

Stretching before exercise is a sacred ritual, but researchers have been finding that it actually slows you down. Florida State researchers recently showed that stretching before a run makes you about 5 percent less efficient, meaning you have to burn more energy to run at the same pace.

"Health Science", *Popular Mechanics*, 2011, COCA

Excerpt 20

For hundreds of years, dogs have been finding lost people.

Sharon J. Huntington, "Training Dog to Be Heroes", *Christian Science Monitor*, 1997, COCA

Excerpt 21

Croatian officials, claiming Bilic is only concentrating on preparing his side to face England in World Cup qualifying on Wednesday, will be angry to hear of discussions between their coach's advisers and West Ham.

But it seems he has been finding time between training sessions and thinking about his line-up to communicate his interest in returning to the club.

Matt Law, "Hammers Still Hope For Bilic", *Express*, < www.express.co.uk/sport/football/60346/Hammers-still-hope-for-Bilic >, 2008, last accessed in 2020

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Excerpt 1

You try to throw in the towel, but Sid won't let you. Instead, he informs you that the official current speed record on The Texas King challenge is held by Joey Chestnut at 8 minutes and 52 seconds. The unofficial record is held by a 500 lb. Siberian Tiger who devoured the meal in a mere minute and a half. You have been eating steadily for half an hour. You eat three more bites and immediately regret this decision.

Doug Haines, "Meat", *Texas Review*, 2015, COCA

Excerpt 2

Normally, this close to a presidential election, candidates are swarming all over New Hampshire and Iowa – states with the first primary and caucuses – like traveling salesmen. They are busy shaking hands, kissing babies, patting dogs, hamming it up for the television cameras and making speeches at the Rotary Clubs, but not this year.

ABC_Brinkley, 1991, COCA

Excerpt 3

That night, I brushed the lamb chops with garlic, oil, and thyme from the garden, and seared them till the outside was tight and brown. I put them in the oven and, after a while, had a peek. I wondered if they were cooked enough to feed to small children. I poked at one with a knife. The fat was thick and yellow: carotenoids from the grass. It smelled like a Greek sacrifice. I tasted it. The still bright-pink meat was so clean that it tasted almost sweet.

Dana Goodyear, "Elite Meat", *The New Yorker*, < www.newyorker.com >, 2014, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 4

Rozman gave us each a pair of clippers and instructed us to sample the grape clusters, trimming only those that tasted "like sunshine, with acidity behind it," and leaving the rest to ripen further.

Rachel Monroe, "How Natural Wine Became a Symbol of Virtuous Consumption", *The New Yorker*, < www.newyorker.com >, 2019, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 5

I do enjoy the little things in life—a chance to read a book for a few minutes or to chat with a friend on the phone, or even sit with a quiet cup of tea.

Karen Moore, *Every Day is Mother's Day: One Year Devotional*, 2016

Excerpt 6

With that interpretation as a guide, Prover9 proved the theorem in about 4 minutes. A similar search without semantic guidance produced a proof in about 6.5 minutes. Waldmeister took about 8 minutes to prove the theorem.

W. McCune, "Semantic Guidance for Saturation Provers", *Artificial Intelligence and Symbolic Computation*, 2006

Excerpt 7

Bring the water to a boil over medium heat, then cover and reduce the heat to a simmer.

Pat Eby, "What's Cooking: Tamales Become Cinco De Mayo Tradition for Home Cook", *St Louis Post-Dispatch*, 2015, COCA

Excerpt 8

CHARMIDES: Xanthus, I heard that it is possible for someone to drink the sea dry, but I find that hard to believe.

THEMISTOCLES: I heard that, too, but no one has tried it – yet.

Marina Debattista, "Aesop and his Fables", *Calliope*, 2009, COCA

Excerpt 9

He poured himself a glass of water and drank it up in a few gulps.

Faye Kellerman, "Justice", *Justice*, 1995, COCA

Excerpt 10

Or my current custom is I get up and drink a cup of coffee for half an hour in the morning and just look out at the dawn and think and enjoy the gorgeous moment I'm in.

"Aging Offers Women 'Enormous Possibilities For Growth,' Says Author", *NPR_FreshAir*, 2019, COCA

Excerpt 11

If your kid is invited to two different parties this Saturday, it's reasonable to let your kid decide which party to attend. But if your 12-year-old wants to drink a vodka tonic or two, just to see what it feels like, that's not such a great idea.

"'Fortnite' and the Collapse of Parenting", *Fox News*, 2019, COCA

Excerpt 12

Water reddened his eyes, but no tears fell. Javon was a natural-born leader, so I knew in his mind he was already piecing together how to handle this with the rest of the family.

Brick, *The Syndicate: Carl Weber Presents*, 2017, COCA

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Excerpt 13

"One game," I say. Without looking at each other, only watching the screen, we start talking. "How long have you been here?"

"Most of the day," he says. "I thought you would be home. I played Nintendo mostly."

"You're at a disadvantage then, already worn out."

"Nope. I'm in the zone. Plus, I got past the Water Fortress. You steal the flute, play the Song of the Wind, and then the door explodes."

Lee Houck, *Yield*, 2010, COCA

Excerpt 14

Propelled by its persistent driving rhythm, "Maybellene" quickly rose to number one on the R&B charts. Two weeks later, in August 1955, it hit number five on the all-important pop chart. At WINS in New York, disc jockey Allen Freed played the song for two hours straight one night.

Jacki Lyden, "Profile: Chuck Berry's 1955 hit 'Maybellene' ", *NPR_ATCW*, 2000, COCA

Excerpt 15

My sister was a big fan of Lewis Carroll's "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland." I don't know how many times she had me read the book to her. Must have been at least a hundred. She had been able to read since she was little, but she liked me to read that book aloud to her.

Haruki Murakami, "The Wind Cave", *The New Yorker*, 2018, COCA

Excerpt 16

She passed Marybeth Rose in her RAV4, dropping her daughter off at the curb for tonight's volleyball game, and lifted her hand to wave. Colleen had stayed after school to practice her serve. At least, Annalise hoped that was the truth.

Susan May Warren, *You Don't Know me*, 2012, COCA

Excerpt 17

That truth applies to this world, as well. Visual observation, sensor readings, and the movements of its oceans and tectonic plates only tell part of its story. To fully understand a world, I must travel down to its surface, watch and listen and understand.

"The Dominant Heart Begins to Race", *Analog*, Vol. 139, Iss. 5/6, 2019, COCA

Excerpt 18

"My hair was already a little long, and I was able to grow a mustache and those sideburns pretty quickly," says Rudd of his look for the Will Ferrell comedy. After shooting ended, "I didn't shave my mustache off right away, and when I did, I looked so weird. I had too much face."

Alynda Wheat & Blaine Zuckerman, "Paul Rudd Super Sweetheart!", *People*, 2015, COCA

Excerpt 19

Queenie came every single day to polish the silver, change the sheets, iron Miss Gussie's dresses, and push the Electrolux over the roses in the carpet.

Michael Lee West, *Crazy Ladies*, 1990, COCA

Excerpt 20

"If you don't stop doing that," I said, "you'll polish the silver right off." Mother held the teapot out by its ornate handle, saying proudly, "Look, dear, I can see my face in it!"

Barbara Allan, *Antiques Knock-Off*, 2011, COCA

Excerpt 21

In Bordeaux, they let the skins macerate with the new wine for a long time after fermentation. Then they age the wine in the barrel for perhaps two or three years.

Nelson DeMille, *Plum Island*, 1997, COCA

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La leçon se déroule en anglais. Elle est suivie d'un entretien en français.

SUBJECT:

"Taking up the idea that the nature of the objects can influence the basic aspect of a verb, I argued that the opposition between imperfective and perfective aspect is not a matter settled at the verbal level. I proposed that aspect be 'taken away' from the verb and be assigned to higher levels of sentential structure: first of all, to the VP because this node dominates the verb and the objects, and subsequently, to the S, because the nature of the subject appears to be a determinant of aspect as well."

Henk J. VERKUYL, "Aspectual Classes and Aspectual Composition", *Linguistics and Philosophy* 12, Springer, 1989, p. 40.

Discuss.

Candidates will use relevant excerpts from the following corpus to address the above topic.

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Excerpt 1

Every day I crossed the desert of the city to work. And I slept in a hotel, where the walls closed in on me.

Tatyana Mamonova, *Solitude*, 2001, COCA

Excerpt 2

But once they'd crossed the border into Bosnia, Princip and his friend, who was also part of the assassination plot, found shelter from the freezing rain in a small shack, and they collapsed into insane laughter, which Princip described as an altered state of consciousness, a release from the limits of rational perception.

Stephen-Paul Martin, *Extraordinary Subjective States*, 2016, COCA

Excerpt 3

3. After a second or so, you will hear a sound notification – unless your phone is silenced – and the screen will flash.

4. Congratulations, you just took a screenshot!

5. A notification will appear in the notifications bar at the top.

"Take a Screenshot", *Fairphone*, < <https://support.fairphone.com/hc/en-us/articles/211014023-Take-a-screenshot> >, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 4

Why is that? Because when you take things personally, you're *emotionally* hurt and offended. [...] What you have to do is to dig a little bit deeper into your emotions and personality to uncover the source of why you're really taking that specific situation personally. [...] In this article, you will learn how to really stop taking things personally. So let's start digging deep into the emotional reasons of why sometimes cheeky words hurt much more than usual.

Blaz Kos, "The Proven Ways to Stop Taking Things Personally", *AgileLeanLife.com*, < <https://agileleanlife.com/taking-things-personally/> >, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 5

I've been taking a break from social media – thought I should probably say that. So you haven't heard much from me. Not sure when I'll be back. Was just realizing the nature of social media wasn't good for my heart. I found myself always in a fight (often instigated by me) and I didn't like it.

Carl Medearis, *Facebook*, < www.facebook.com/CLMedearis/posts/ive-been-taking-a-break-from-social-media-thought-i-should-probably-say-that-so-/2472196416128727/ >, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 6

Ask if she has been taking a pill every day. If so, reassure her that she is not likely to be pregnant.

Family Planning: A Global Handbook for Providers: Evidence-based Guidance Developed Through Worldwide Collaboration, 2007

Excerpt 7

Because, whether she wanted to admit it or not, he was right. She was leading them across the ocean, chasing a flash of white in the dead of the night, on a hunch.

Misty Massey, *Mad Kestrel*, 2008

Excerpt 8

The next day he went for a walk down the same sidewalk and noticed the hole was still there... he fell in. Again it took him a long time to get out. [...] When he approached the hole on the fourth day, he decided he would try walking around it. He fell in. It took him a long time to get out.

Michael A. Straessle, *Is There Really a Purpose?*, 2004

Excerpt 9

Violet. My wife. She takes pills, sometimes a great many. And they affect... among other things, her equilibrium.

Tracy Letts, *August: Osage County*, 2010

Excerpt 10

The secretary exits. Sheldrake takes a pill and washes it down with some milk.

Billy Wilder, Samuel Wilder, Charles Brackett & D. M. Marshman, *Sunset Boulevard*, 1999

Excerpt 11

He is so tall, looks so fierce, but at this time, he is carefully washing his pillows, socks, oh! There is also a green little apron. He washes very seriously.

"Devil Chapter 32", *Kiss Novel*, < <https://kiss-novel.com/devil/chapter-32> >, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 12

Men who had been pouring water over their heads to wash away the dust that had lodged in every pore now stood staring at the boy as the liquid dripped down their shirtless bodies and onto the floor of the communal shower stall.

Alfredo Vea, *The Mexican Flyboy*, 2017, COCA

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Excerpt 13

After they paved the road, and after the first hard rain, the dust was washed off the weeds – and the grasshoppers – and both were made bright green again.

Carolyn Page, *Marksberry Road*, 2015, COCA

Excerpt 14

Rather, he got out of the dress and wig, washed off the lipstick, put on his Bible-selling clothes, and started for the vegetable stand. She was sitting at her place, reading a book.

Clyde Edgerton, *The Great Speckled Bird*, 2007, COCA

Excerpt 15

Some see a spear, others a sword, others an axe. All agree that the weapon drips blood. The altar sits on a vast plain over which many battles have been fought. The bodies of the dead are left unburied, so the plain is covered in the bones and skulls of Elf and beast.

Bill King & Andy Chambers, *High Elves*, 1993, BNC

Excerpt 16

Now, last I heard, the United States sits in the Security Council as a permanent member. It has not withdrawn.

CBS News: *Face the Nation*, 2019, COCA

Excerpt 17

Nobody is playing as yet, but the lines have been freshly painted, a large old roller is being stored by an elderly man with tribal scars on his cheeks (like the marks made by French grill pans on bifteck), and a big jug of lemon squash is standing in the shade of a little thatched tennis house, protected from the desires of wasps and flies by a beaded lace doily.

Justin Cartwright, *Masai Dreaming*, 1993, BNC

Excerpt 18

She has labored under the presumption that what the public asks of her is only for her to be herself. And she has hated, above all, answering questions about her personal life. Now she never does.

Tom Junod, *Hillary Happy*, 2010, COCA

Excerpt 19

I love that glossy green front door! I am noticing more and more lately that I am attracted to high-gloss finishes.

"Solutions From Sunset", *Sunset*, Vol. 224, Iss. 3, 2010, COCA

Excerpt 20

Madsen was Cunanan's second victim; his body washed ashore about an hour away not long after.

Amelia McDonnell-Parry, " 'Assassination of Gianni Versace': Real Story of Killer Andrew Cunanan, Designer", *RollingStone*, < www.rollingstone.com >, 2018, last accessed in 2020

Excerpt 21

"Watching you drink Jack Rackham under the table was equally enthralling," said Papa, daubing her tears with his napkin.

James Morrow, *Galapagos Regained*, 2015, COCA

Excerpt 22

When he had slept himself sober he came early next morning, and knocked at the Collegegate. On gaining admittance, he ran to Staunton's chamber, where finding him still alive, he opened a vein, which bled freely, and the patient, though half dead, soon recovered, and became quite healthy.

Thomas Smith, *Select Memoirs of the English and Scottish Divines*, 2011

Excerpt 23

The first part of the 19th century saw the question of slavery, long a routine part of human history, become an issue of such transcendent importance that it ignited a horrible war. That fight was mandatory; to duck it was to choose sides. The middle of the 20th century saw the rise of Hitler.

Bill McKibben, "Climate change and the unraveling of creation", *Christian Century*, Vol. 116, Iss. 34, 1999, COCA

Excerpt 24

The country has witnessed continuous and sometimes dramatic change. In the past 300 years alone, the nation has experienced industrialization, the advent of democracy, and the introduction and growth of the welfare state – yet the changes have never been such as to be described as revolutionary.

Philip Norton, *The British polity*, 1984, BNC