

CONVERSATION TECHNIQUE

Let's practise with three questions you might be asked.

You can always start by asking for space to think: **Dalathor ov vy. Gas vy dhe brederi pols kyns gortheby.**

Fatl'o an gewar hedhyw in dha vro?

How was the weather today where you live (*literally*, in your locality)?

Pandra wrusta gwil dhe les i'n dewetha seythen?

What did you do that was interesting (*literally*, to benefit) in the last week?

Pan opnyon eus dhis a'n wariores tenys Emma Raducanu?

What do you think (*literally*, what opinion is to you) of the tennis player Emma Raducanu?

Note **gwarior** 'player' *masculine*, **wariores** 'female player' *feminine*, compare **gwary** 'play' *verb or masculine noun*

Here are Ian Jackson's own specimen answers:

Fatl'o an gewar hedhyw?

Obma in Pow Resohen an gewar o pòr lèb i'n gwetha prës. Hedhyw myttyn an glaw o poos. Saw nyns o yêyn i'n gwella prës. Grass e dhe Dhuw!

Pandra wrusta gwil dhe les i'n dewetha seythen?

Dystrybûtya kensa nyver an lyver termyn Gweles. Hèn o êsy lowr. Hag establyshya acownt gans PayPal. Hèn o ober cales, ha nyns yw gorfennys na whath.

Pan opnyon eus dhis a'n wariores tenys Emma Raducanu?

Marthys yw hy omfydhyans. Hy thalent inwedh. Hy yw skentyl in corf hag in preder. Hy yw leun a dhedhewadow. Saw yma nebes own dhybm. Yw hy re yonk martesen rag kebmys hanow brâs sodyn? A vèdh re gales dhe dhyghtya heb shyndya hy bêwnans?

Vocabulary

dedhewadow *m* promise (mostly used metaphorically, **promys** is the ordinary word)

dyghtya *v* manage, deal with

grass e dhe Dhuw *phr* thank goodness

hanow brâs *m* fame (*literally*, big name)

i'n gwella prës *phr* fortunately

i'n gwetha prës *phr* unfortunately

kebmys *adj* so much

marthys *adj* amazing, wonderful

omfydhyans *m* confidence

own *m* fear

pan? *adj* what?

Pow Resohen *place-name* Oxfordshire

preder *m* thought, mind

shyndya *v* harm, damage

skentyl *adj* skilled, skilful, clever

sodyn *adj* sudden