

PRONUNCIATION PRACTICE - CONTRASTIVE INTONATION

1 Are you going to Rome to sign that contract?

- a No, I'm not. I'm going to Milan to sign it.
- b No, I'm not. I'm going there on holiday.
- c No, I'm not. You're going there to sign it.
- d No, I'm not. I'm going there to re-negotiate it.
- e No, I'm not. I've already been there to sign it!

2 Are you going to Manchester to see the Chairman?

- a No, I'm not. I'm going to Liverpool to see him.
- b No, I'm not. I'm going there to see the Area Manager.
- c No, I'm not. You're going there to see him!
- d No, I'm not. I've already seen him!

3 Are you going to pay that invoice?

- a No, I'm not. You're going to pay it!
- b No, I'm not. I'm going to tear it up.
- c No, I'm not. I'm going to send it back.
- d No, I'm not. I've already paid it!

4 Are you going to design a new water-pump?

- a No, I'm not. I'm going to design a new oil-pump.
- b No, I'm not. I'm going to redesign an old one.
- c No, I'm not. I'm going to buy one in.
- d No, I'm not. You're going to design one!

5 Have you lost your car keys?

- a No, I haven't. I've lost my safe keys.
- b No, I haven't. I've lost your car keys!
- c No, I haven't. I've just mislaid them.
- d No, I haven't. You've lost my car keys!

6 Did you send the Boss a 'Get well soon' card'?

- a No, I didn't. My secretary sent him one.
- b No, I didn't. He never sent me one when I was ill.
- c No, I didn't. I sent him some letters to sign.
- d Oh no! I thought you were going to send him one!

7 Did you switch the computers off?

- a No, I didn't. I only switched the photo-copier off.
- b No, I didn't. I thought you switched them off!
- c No, I didn't. I left them all running.
- d No, I didn't. The caretaker switched them off.
- e No, I didn't. When I left they were already off.

8 Is the Boss going to Paris by train?

- a No, he isn't. He's taking a plane there.
- b No, he isn't. He's going to Lyon by train.
- c No, he isn't. I'm going instead of him.
- d No, he isn't. The Sales Manager's going in his place.
- e No, he isn't. He's decided to go by car.

9 Doesn't John think the sales figures are accurate?

- a No. He doesn't think they're accurate at all!
- b No. He thinks they're completely inaccurate!
- c John thinks they are. It's the Boss who thinks they aren't.
- d Yes, he does! It's the production figures he thinks are inaccurate!
- e Yes, he does. But what he thinks doesn't matter.
- f Yes, he does. But what do you think?

10 Shall we send the goods by lorry?

- a Well, we'd rather have them sent by train.
- b Well, we'd rather have our agent collect them.
- c Well, we'd rather you held them for the moment.
- d No. We'll collect them from you ourselves.

11 Shall I phone the insurance company in Rome?

- a No. Phone the branch in Turin.
- b No. It's best to phone the shipping company.
- c No. I'll phone the insurance company.
- d No. It's better to write to the insurers.
- e I thought you'd done that already!

12 What about sending Jones to Sri Lanka?

- a No. I'd rather send Jones to Thailand.
- b No. I'd rather send Smith to Sri Lanka.
- c I'm not sending anyone to Sri Lanka!
- d Wouldn't you like to go there yourself?

13 Are we going to shut down the factory?

- a Well, I'd rather extend the factory.
- b Well, I'd prefer to shut down the offices.
- c I've already shut down the factory!
- d We're not going to shut it down!
You're going to do it!

14 When are we going to tell the men the truth?

- a You're going to tell them tomorrow.
- b We're not going to tell them the truth!
- c I'm afraid they know the truth already.
- d We're only going to tell the managers the truth.

15 Would you like some help with your paperwork?

- a No thanks. But I'd like some help with my data entry.
- b No thanks. But my secretary would like some help.
- c No thanks. Perhaps I can help you with yours?
- d Thanks very much. I need a lot of help with it!

16 Shall we invest some money in a racehorse?

- a Well, you can invest some of yours if you like!
- b Well, I'd rather invest in government bonds.
- c I'd rather spend some money than invest it just now.
- d Well, the Boss will have to make that decision.

17 Is your new computer working properly?

- a Yes, but Jane's is giving her terrible trouble.
- b Yes, but my fax machine is driving me crazy.
- c Well, it's working alright, but it's not very fast.
- d Well, it seems ok, but I'd rather have my old one back.

18 Isn't it time to lay off some workers?

- a Well, I think it's time to lay off some managers!
- b No! Now's the time to take on some workers.
- c I'm afraid last month was the time to lay off workers.
- d It makes more sense to cut down their hours.

19 Are you and your wife coming to the party?

- a Well, I'm coming, but she's babysitting that night.
- b I'm afraid we're going to the opera that night.
- c I thought it was just a few drinks with some friends?
- d Actually, my secretary and I are coming to the party!