

A Mouthful of Air

1 I *did* tell you!

Example

A: *Why didn't you tell me you had to work on Saturday?*

B: *I did tell you. I told you last week.*

1 A: Why don't you open on Sundays?

B: We _____ open on Sundays. We're open from ten till four.

2 A: Why weren't you working this afternoon?

B: I _____ working. I was working from home.

3 A: Why aren't you coming to the party?

B: I _____ coming. I' _____ arriving a bit later on.

4 A: Why won't you help me to carry all this stuff?

B: I _____ help you. I _____ be with you in a minute.

5 A: Why doesn't the boss like the proposal?

B: She _____ like it. But she wants more details.

6 A: Why isn't this radio working?

B: It _____ but you've got to plug it in first.

7 A: Why aren't all the students here?

B: They _____ here. They _____ out in the garden.

8 A: Why wouldn't you like to go to Australia?

B: I _____ like to. I _____ go if it wasn't so expensive.

9 A: Why hasn't he sent a CV?

B: He _____ sent one. It must be here somewhere.

10 A: Why can't I use this ticket?

B: You _____ use it. You _____ use it any time between eight and ten.

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2 To contract or not

1 A More?

B No thanks. I have had plenty.

2 A There is plenty of cheese in the fridge.

B I could not see any.

3 A I hope I will see you at the meeting tomorrow.

B I am afraid I will not be there.

4 A You must be pleased with the results.

B I am.

5 A I wish you had been there.

B I just could not spare the time.

6 A Have you been here before?

B He has, but she has not.

7 A You need not stay, if you have got things to do.

B I think I will be off, then.

8 A I thought you were in London today.

B I am in London. That is where I am phoning from.

9 A Look over there – what has happened?

B I think there has been an accident.

10 A Here we are. This is the place

B I did not think it would take us so long to get here.

Shadowing

TRANSCRIPT 1

- A** Listen! ... BA 516 to Geneva. That's our flight.
- B** Did the announcement say Gate 4 or 14?
- A** I couldn't hear. I think it said 4.
- B** Look! There it is on the departure board. It is gate 4 .
- A** OK. Come on! Let's go.

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And here are the news headlines. Following severe droughts in Africa, the President of the USA has announced that he is going to send food and provisions to the people of Somalia, who have lost their homes and livelihood.

Sensitising to shifting stress for emphasis

- A Sue caught the 9.30 ferry to Gozo
- B Right, Sue caught the 9.15 ferry to Gozo.
- A No! Sue caught the 9.30 ferry to Gozo!
- B I see. You caught the 9.30 ferry to Gozo!
- A No! Sue caught the 9.30 ferry to Gozo!
- B Got you! Sue missed the 9.30 ferry to Gozo
- A No! Sue caught the 9.30 ferry to Gozo!
- B Right. Sue caught the 9.30 ferry to Sicily.
- A No! Sue caught the 9.30 ferry to Gozo!
- B OK! Sue caught the 9.30 plane to Gozo!
- A No! Sue caught the 9.30 ferry to Gozo!
- B Well, you really shouldn't mumble so much. Articulate!

Poem A For Anne by Leonard Cohen:

With Annie gone,
whose eyes to compare
with the morning sun?

Not that I did compare,
But I do compare
Now that she's gone.

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Poem B Cake by Roger McGough

i wanted one life
you wanted another
we couldn't have our cake
so we ate each other.