

## 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!