

Finished? I've just started!

Important words in conversation 2

A D19a D19b If we want to give special emphasis to words, for example if we are very surprised, we sometimes use a lot of stress, and our voices go especially high. Listen to these two dialogues.

- 1 A: **When** will that report be finished?
 B: I've just **started** it, so it'll be finished this afternoon.
- 2 A: **Have** you finished that report?
 B: **Finished**?! I've just **started** it!!

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D19c In both dialogues, the word *started* is stressed, but in the second dialogue it is specially emphasised. Listen and repeat the sentence *I've just started it* from both dialogues.

I've just ~~started~~ it.
 I've just **started** it!!

D19d In the second dialogue, the word *finished* is also specially emphasised. Listen and repeat.

Finished?!

D19e Listen to the different intonation on *finished* and *started*, and repeat.

Finished?! **started**!!

D19f Now repeat the whole answer from the second dialogue.

Finished?! I've just **started** it!!

B D20 Listen to two people arguing. Notice the intonation they use, especially on the words in bold.

- A: You're late! We said two o'clock!
 B: We **didn't** – we said **half** past two!
 A: We said **two**! You're **always** late!
 B: Last time **you** were late! Remember?
 A: Was I?

Listen again and repeat the dialogue.

Exercises

48.1

D21

Listen and underline the specially emphasised words in B's replies. Then listen again and mark the intonation on the stressed words.

EXAMPLE A: Is that your car?

B: That? You must be joking!

1 A: Do you like westerns?

B: Me? I can't stand westerns!

2 A: It's stopped raining.

B: Really? I don't believe it!

3 A: Is it the first time you've been here?

B: The first – and probably the last!

4 A: You know the city pretty well, don't you?

B: Me? I've never been here before!

5 A: What are twelve elevens?

B: Don't ask me! I'm hopeless with numbers!

6 A: It's two pounds fifty for a cup of coffee.

B: Two fifty? That's ridiculous!

7 A: Were the shops busy today?

B: Busy? They were almost empty!

8 A: Do you like rap music?

B: Like it? I think it's awful!



Is that your car?



Is it the first time you've been here?

Check with the Key. Then listen again and repeat.

48.2

D22

Listen to the telephone conversation between John Watt and Will Knott.

Watt is pronounced like *what*. *Knott* is pronounced like *not*.

Will is a short form of *William* and is pronounced like the verb *will*.

John Watt: Hello. Are you there?

Will Knott: Yes. Who's that?

John Watt: Watt.

Will Knott: What's your name?

John Watt: Watt's my name.

Will Knott: What?

John Watt: My name's John Watt.

Will Knott: John what?

John Watt: Yes, that's right. Are you Jones?

Will Knott: No, I'm Knott.

John Watt: Well, tell me your name, then.

Will Knott: Will Knott.

John Watt: Why not?

Will Knott: My name's Knott.

John Watt: Not what?

Will Knott: Not Watt, Knott.

John Watt: What?!



Listen again and repeat the dialogue, using the same stress and intonation, especially on the words in bold.