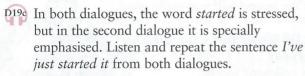
## Finished? I've just started! Important words in conversation 2

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!!



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





In the second dialogue, the word finished is also specially emphasised. Listen and repeat. Finished?!

Dise Listen to the different intonation on finished and started, and repeat. Finished?! started!!

Now repeat the whole answer from the second dialogue. Finished?! I've just started it!!

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

Listen and <u>underline</u> 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!

Check with the Key. Then listen again and repeat.



Is that your car?



Is it the first time you've been here?

48.2

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

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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**.