

# English at Work

## Episode 62: Anna's decision

### Language to announce your decision



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**Narrator:** Hello again and welcome back to English at Work - the drama about life at the plastic fruit production company called Tip Top Trading. You may remember Anna, the company's newest and brightest sales executive, was offered a promotion and a marriage proposal at the same time. She's taken time out to think about her reply but everyone in the office really misses her.

**Tom:** (*Pouring his heart out*) I dunno Denise, I'd be good for Anna, I think we would be been a perfect pair. Mr and Mrs Darcy... it sounds good...

LIFT DOOR OPENS

**Anna:** I'm back!

**Tom:** Anna! I...we weren't expecting you.

**Anna:** Yes I can see – perhaps you could tidy up your desk Tom.

**Tom:** Very funny Anna – still trying to be the boss! So did you have a good trip? Did you get some 'head space'?

**Anna:** Eh?

**Narrator:** He means time alone to think about the things you want to think about. Tell him you've been *chewing things over* – it means you've been thinking about your proposals and say *I have come to a final decision*.

**Anna:** OK, well it's true; I have done a lot of thinking. (*To Tom*) Tom, I did have some head space and a chance to... chew things over...

**Tom:** Yes! Yes! And?

**Anna:** And I've come to a final decision. The answer is 'yes'. I accept. There's no doubt really... I should give it a go... I need the experience... and besides, what's the worst thing that can happen?

**Tom:** Oh Anna. I'm so happy. You won't regret your decision.

**Narrator:** Hmm – is Anna really saying 'yes' to Tom's marriage proposal or has there been a misunderstanding?

Here are some of the phrases we've heard today:

*I've had a chance to chew things over*  
*I've come to a final decision*

*I'll give it a go  
You won't regret your decision*

**Narrator:** Find out if we can look forward to Anna and Tom's wedding in the next episode of English at Work. Bye!

**Listening Challenge:**

What does Anna ask Tom to do?

Answer: Tidy his desk.