




## Everyday English Stress and intonation

### Degrees of enthusiasm

- 1  10.11 Listen to three people A, B and C responding to the same question. Who is the most enthusiastic? Who is the least? Who is not sure?

What was the play like?

- A Mmm. It was interesting.  
B Mmm. It was interesting.  
C Mmm. It was interesting.


- 2  10.11 Listen again and practise them with a partner.
- 3  10.12 A couple are discussing a film they've just seen. Sometimes the woman (W) agrees with the man (M), sometimes she doesn't. Listen to the way she says *Mmm ...* Write a, b, c or d next to lines 1–8.

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| a I'm not so sure.  | b I agree.             |
| c I agree strongly. | d I disagree strongly. |

### What did you think of the movie?


- M Well, I thought that movie was great.  
W <sup>1</sup> Mmm ...  
M I was on the edge of my seat from start to finish.  
W <sup>2</sup> Mmm ...  
M Well, the ending was a complete surprise.  
W <sup>3</sup> Mmm ...  
M What about the special effects? Weren't they amazing?  
W <sup>4</sup> Mmm ...  
M And Julia Jones – wasn't she just perfect as the love interest?  
W <sup>5</sup> Mmm ...  
M I wouldn't mind seeing it again.  
W <sup>6</sup> Mmm ...  
M I'm going to recommend it to Rob and Fran. They'll love it.  
W <sup>7</sup> Mmm ...  
M Come on! Let's go for a drink.  
W <sup>8</sup> Mmm ...



- 4  10.13 With your partner, decide what you think the woman goes on to say. Listen and compare.



### Stress in sentences


- 5  10.14 Listen to the short dialogues and mark the main stressed word in B's answers. Why does the stress shift in each reply? Practise them with your partner.

#### Who is John?

- 1 A Is John the man with the short, fair hair?  
B No, John's the man with the short, dark hair.
- 2 A Is John the boy with the short, dark hair?  
B No, John's the man with the short dark hair.
- 3 A Is John the man with the short, dark beard?  
B No, John's the man with the short dark hair.
- 4 A Is John the man with the long, dark hair?  
B No, John's the man with the short, dark hair.
- 5 A Is Tom the man with the short dark hair.  
B No, John's the man with the short dark hair.

- 6 Read the short conversations with your partner. Underline the main stress in B's replies and practise them.

- 1 A You look tired.  
B I am tired.
- 2 A That's Sylvie over there. She's French.  
B I thought she was French.
- 3 A I had such a good idea about mum's birthday present.  
B I thought of it first!
- 4 A I sold my old computer to Barry.  
B I thought you'd given it to him.
- 5 A Do you work for Carl?  
B No, Carl works for me.
- 6 A I've never met Eva before.  
B You must have met her. She knew your name.

-  10.15 Listen and check. Practise again.

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