

Listening Exercise. Listen to the statement, then select the best reply.

- 1-
 - a-I'm sorry to hear that.
 - b-That's terrific!
 - c-He must be proud of it
- 2-
 - a-Let's wait for them at the main lobby.
 - b-Let's come back tomorrow.
 - c-Let's see if they're at the lobby.
- 3-
 - a-It's in aisle C next to the dairy products.
 - b-Sorry, my office is not here.
 - c-Go to the end of this corridor and turn left.
- 4-
 - a-I'm sorry to hear that.
 - b-I'll surely do that.
 - c-Why should you call me?
- 5-
 - a-What a bargain!
 - b-Who bought the tie?
 - c-How did that happen?
- 6-
 - a-She cuddled it.
 - b-She called the animal protection department.
 - c-She phoned the police.
- 7-
 - a-She must be tired.
 - b-She must be a talented girl.
 - c-She really knows the ropes.
- 8-
 - a-He must be really upset.
 - b-It should get better soon.
 - c-He must have studied a lot.

Listen to the word pairs and decide if they are the same or different.

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| 1- | 2- | 3- | 4- | 5- | 6- | 7- |
| 8- | 9- | 10- | 11- | 12- | 13- | 14- |
| 15- | 16- | 17- | | | | |

Write a question using the words below as the first word.

- Could _____
- Can _____
- Would _____
- Will _____
- Should _____
- Do _____
- Did _____
- Can't _____
- Couldn't _____
- Wouldn't _____

Talk to the person next to you for a few minutes. Try to find similarities and differences. Make notes about your similarities and differences. Then report to the group what you discovered

Discussion:

1. Is your personality more similar to your father's or your mother's? Explain how you are similar.
2. How is Austin similar to your home city?
3. How is your home here different than your home in your country?
4. Are your children similar or very different?
5. Are you and your siblings similar?
6. Who in your family are you closest to? Talk about your relationship with them.
7. What characteristics do you have in common with your spouse?
8. When a person resembles one of their relatives, we say they "take after" them. My son takes after his grandmother. They are both very creative and eclectic. They have lots of similar interests. Who do you take after?

Binomials are sequences of two words that are in a fixed order. You cannot reverse the words. Here are some examples:

apples and oranges: when someone compares two very different things you say they are comparing apples and oranges. Ex: Talking about her current novel and her previous non-fiction best seller is like comparing apples and oranges. They are very different books.

back and forth: backwards and forwards Ex: The young man paced back and forth in the hospital waiting room. I keep going back and forth trying to decide I should buy a new car or fix this old one.

bright and early: very early Ex: I'll be there bright and early tomorrow morning to pick you up.
by and large: generally, usually Ex: I find that, by and large, people do what they are told to do.

cats and dogs: can mean very heavy rain, or people who don't get along Ex: It is raining cats and dogs out there. Jim and his sister fight like cats and dogs.

day in and day out: continually without a break Ex: I miss my job. My life at home is so boring. Day in and day out I wash dishes, scrub floors, cook meals and clean bathrooms. I feel like I'm wasting my life. Ex: He practices his guitar eight hours a day, day in and day out. He says that's what it takes to be a good musician.

1. What is something you are trying to decide?
2. Are you a person who goes back and forth when they are deciding, or do you make up your mind quickly and stick with it?
3. How do you respond to someone asking you for a favor?
4. Name something risky you have done recently.
5. Did you and your siblings fight like cats and dogs as children? How do you get along now that you are grown?
6. Do you get up bright and early or sleep in?
7. What do you do day in and day out?