Listening 1:
Intonation Patterns

Language Focus Statements with Rising Intonation

You heard the following exchange in the conversation:

Mari: So, when people say, "How are you?" they're just being polite? They don't really care?
Nancy: Not exactly.

Note that Mari's questions are actually statements: "They're just being polite?", "They don't really care?" with rising intonation. This way of talking is often used in rapid, informal English, especially when the speaker is surprised or expects an affirmative answer.

7 **Identifying intonation patterns** Listen to the statement questions, and rewrite them as true questions in the following spaces.

Example: You're going to work? *Are you going to work?*

1. You're leaving? _____
2. You remember my friend Yolanda? _____
3. Bill hasn't found a job yet? _____
4. Trina can speak five languages? _____
5. Luke's actually from Australia? _____
6. You understood what he was saying? _____
7. No one spoke English? _____
8. Karen couldn't find her passport? _____

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