

EXERCISE A



Listen and repeat the common expressions. Be sure to stress the content words, NOT the function words.

1. sooner or later
2. in a moment
3. an apple a day
4. to tell the truth
5. as soft as a kitten
6. Silence is golden.
7. Honesty is the best policy.
8. Truth is stranger than fiction.
9. A penny saved is a penny earned.
10. To err is human; to forgive is divine.

Stressing Words to Clarify or Change Meaning

Sometimes a speaker wants his or her sentence to convey a special meaning that it wouldn't have in the written form. This can be done by stressing a specific word in order to call attention to it. The word that receives the stress depends on the personal motive of the speaker.

EXAMPLES I **bought** ten ties. (I wasn't *given* the ties; I *bought* them.)

I bought ten **ties**. (I didn't buy *shirts*; I bought *ties*.)