

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*.)

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