

Short Conversations (with pronunciation features)

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Facts 2

A	In nineteen sixty- <u>four</u> the birth rate in Taiwan /wəz_ət/_an_ <u>all</u> -time low /ət/ three point <u>six</u> per cent per day.	1
B	What?	2
A	What do you mean ' <u>what</u> '?	3
B	That's <u>rubbish</u> !	4
A	<u>What's</u> rubbish?	5
B	What you just <u>said</u> . That's <u>rubbish</u> . Where /djə/ get /jə/ ' <u>facts</u> ' from?	6
A	It's <u>not</u> rubbish. /ən/_if you <u>must</u> know, I <u>got</u> /ðəm/ from the <u>internet</u> .	7
B	Oh well in that case it <u>must</u> be true.	8
A	What d'you <u>mean</u> by that?	9
B	Well everyone knows /ðət/ whatever <u>you</u> read <u>on</u> the internet <u>is</u> <u>true</u> !	10
A	I'll have you know I got my <u>statistics</u> /frəm/_a <u>very</u> reliable <u>source</u> .	11
B	Oh <u>yeah</u> ? Where? What's ... what's the <u>URL</u> ?	12
A	Um, it's my <u>friend</u> <u>Eric's</u> website ...	13
B	/jə/ <u>friend</u> <u>Eric's</u> website!? I mean where did /jə/ friend <u>Eric</u> get these <u>sources</u> /əv/_information then?	14
A	<u>I</u> don' know.	15
B	You mean he didn't give <u>a</u> <u>reference</u> ?	16
A	Mm. No ... uh I but <u>I</u> know he copied /ðəm frəm/ <u>somewhere</u> .	17
B	Well <u>that's</u> <u>very</u> convincing <u>isn't</u> it! Your friend <u>Eric</u> just <u>copied</u> it /frəm/ ' <u>somewhere</u> ' /ən/ then you copy it /frəm/ <u>Eric</u> . I mean what makes you think that's a reliable source /əv/_ <u>information</u> ?	18

A	Eric's my <u>friend</u> . He <u>never</u> lies!	19
B	Yes he <u>does</u> !	20
A	Oh how /də/ <u>you</u> know?	21
B	Well, if these so-called <u>facts</u> /əf/ on Eric's <u>website</u> /ən/ you say he <u>copied</u> them but didn't give a <u>reference</u> , then he's <u>lying</u> .	22
A	How?	23
B	Because he didn't give a <u>reference</u> . An' if anyone goes /ən/ read Eric's website, they'll think that <u>he</u> /wəz/ the one /ðət/ did all the <u>research</u> /fə/ those <u>facts</u> , which in fact he <u>didn't</u> . Huh? He just <u>copied</u> it /frəm/ somewhere else /ən/ didn't give the person who did <u>any</u> /əv/ the work <u>any</u> credit /ət/ all! <u>That's</u> actually <u>illegal</u> . An' he's <u>lying</u> because he's making people <u>believe</u> that he did the <u>research</u> .	24
A	Oh I <u>see</u> . Uh ... so ... has that got /tə/ <u>do</u> with intellectual <u>property</u> rights?	25
B	Yes! Exactly. Apart /frəm/ <u>breaking</u> the law and <u>stealing</u> someone else's <u>ideas</u> , your friend Eric just isn't <u>believable</u> .	26
A	Why <u>not</u> ?	27
B	Well did 'e give <u>details</u> about the research, about those <u>facts</u> ?	28
A	Uh ... No.	29
B	Did 'e do any /əv/ the research <u>himself</u> ?	30
A	No. He dropped <u>out</u> /əv/ school /ən/ works in Seven <u>Eleven</u> .	31
B	OK ... If you compare Eric's <u>facts</u> with those /əv/ a <u>researcher</u> or <u>professor</u> who /həs bɪn/ <u>published</u> in a <u>top</u> academic <u>journal</u> , er which one would <u>you</u> believe?	32
A	Well, I <u>guess</u> I'd be more likely /tə/ believe in the people who've had their <u>work</u> published or I guess have a reputation in the <u>field</u> .	33
B	Right.	34

A	OK OK, I <u>see</u> your <u>point</u> . Don't believe everything you <u>read</u> , it's <u>important</u> /tə/ <u>reference</u> an' make sure your source /əv/ <u>information</u> is <u>believable</u> and <u>reputable</u> .	35
B	Mm hm.	36
A	Great! I guess that means I'll have /tə/ spend all night rewriting my <u>presentation</u> then. Thanks.	37
B	You're <u>welcome</u> !	38