

Short Conversations (with pronunciation features)

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Football

A	Hey David! I haven't seen <u>you</u> in a while. So what <u>/əv/</u> you <u>/bɪn/</u> <u>u</u> p to lately?	1
B	Not a lot <u>really</u> . I didn't get the summer job <u>I</u> <u>wanted</u> so I've had quite a bit <u>/əv/</u> <u>free</u> time <u>on</u> my <u>hands</u> .	2
A	Really ... I'm sorry <u>/tə/</u> hear <u>that</u> . Still, I guess that means you don't have <u>/tə/</u> worry about what <u>excuses</u> <u>/tə/</u> give <u>/jər/</u> <u>boss</u> so you <u>/kən/</u> leave work <u>/tə/</u> watch the <u>games</u> .	3
B	Yeah, I <u>guess</u> so ... How about <u>you</u> ? I <u>/kən/</u> <u>imagine</u> you've had <u>/tə/</u> think <u>/əv/</u> some <u>quite</u> creative <u>excuses</u> <u>/tə/</u> tell your <u>boss</u> .	4
A	Hey. You know <u>me</u> ! I'm just a born <u>salesman</u> !	5
B	' <u>Master</u> <u>/əv/</u> <u>persuasion</u> ' we used to call you. It <u>/wəz/</u> <u>always</u> a treat <u>listening</u> to you tell the teachers <u>why</u> you were late <u>/fə/</u> <u>class</u> or why you'd <u>missed</u> class.	6
A	Why, <u>thank</u> you David! So, <u>which</u> match <u>/də/</u> you think <u>/əz</u> <u>bɪn/</u> the best so <u>far</u> ?	7
B	It's <u>hard</u> <u>/tə/</u> say, but <u>I</u> <u>reckon</u> the game between South Korea <u>/ən/</u> Spain was the <u>most</u> <u>exciting</u> .	8
A	Yeah, that <u>/wəz/</u> <u>an</u> <u>amazing</u> match. Mind you, I thought the officials <u>/wə/</u> biased towards South <u>Korea</u> . They should <u>never</u> <u>/əv/</u> <u>won</u> that <u>match</u> really.	9
B	What <u>/də/</u> you <u>mean</u> ? They won it <u>fair</u> <u>/ən/</u> <u>square</u> . The way they played <u>/wəz/</u> <u>fantastic</u> – they <u>just</u> <u>never</u> gave <u>up</u> . And the way they took the <u>penalties</u> <u>/wəz/</u> <u>so</u> <u>cool</u> . The goals <u>/wɜːr/</u> <u>brilliant</u> . I'm telling you, South Korea <u>rock</u> .	10

A	<u>Sure</u> , but the game should <u>never</u> /əv/ gone /tə/ penalties in the <u>first</u> place. Morientes actually scored /frəm/ a perfectly good <u>cross</u> /ən/ it would /əv bɪn/ a golden <u>goal</u> if the referee had <u>allowed</u> it. I can't believe it /wəz/ <u>disallowed</u> . The linesman must /əv bɪn/ <u>blind</u> !	11
B	Yeah, I <u>guess</u> you're right on <u>that</u> one. There's been <u>so</u> much controversy over some /əv/ the <u>calls</u> in the matches that I <u>guess</u> that they'll probably have /tə/ <u>start</u> using TV <u>replays</u> in the <u>future</u> .	12
A	What, like they do in American <u>football</u> ?	13
B	Yeah. Anyway, don't you think it /wəz/ <u>so</u> cool that <u>an</u> <u>Asian</u> side did <u>so</u> well?	14
A	I <u>suppose</u> so.	15
B	I mean, they were <u>only</u> ranked <u>fortieth</u> in the <u>world</u> . They'd <u>never</u> won a single World Cup match before and <u>yet</u> they beat teams like <u>Spain</u> , <u>Portugal</u> and <u>Italy</u> – some /əv/ the <u>best</u> teams in the world! It makes me <u>so</u> proud /tə/ be <u>Asian</u> .	16
A	Yeah, I <u>know</u> , but don't /jə/ think that's a bit <u>strange</u> ? I mean there /wəz/ <u>such</u> <u>pressure</u> on the referees /ən/ linesmen /tə/ make sure South Korea got <u>through</u> just because South Korea /wəz/ hosting the <u>finals</u> . <u>Look</u> /ət/ the <u>Italy</u> game, they had a <u>goal</u> disallowed which /wəz/ <u>never</u> an offside, an' <u>Totti</u> /wəz/ sent <u>off</u> when he /wəz/ <u>fouled</u> but they said he <u>dived</u> !	17
B	Oh come <u>on</u> . You've /gɒtə/ (gotta) be <u>kidding</u> ! The the <u>Italians</u> /wə/ <u>just</u> defending the whole <u>time</u> . They <u>deserved</u> to be beaten and the Koreans <u>just</u> kept coming <u>after</u> them – it /wəz/ <u>brilliant</u> !	18
A	Hmm	19
B	And the <u>Italians</u> are <u>such</u> <u>babies</u> . You just can't take /ðəm/ <u>seriously</u> . I mean, imagine sacking <u>Ahn</u> from the Italian club <u>just</u> because he scored a goal against <u>Italy</u> . It's <u>ridiculous</u> . What did they expect him /tə/ <u>do</u> – <u>miss</u> a <u>goal</u> on <u>purpose</u> !? I reckon they just couldn't <u>stand</u> being beaten by an <u>Asian</u> team. Well <u>this</u> time those European teams have <u>had</u> /tə/ wake <u>up</u> because Asian football <u>has</u> arrived and we've <u>really</u> kicked butt!	20

A	Kicked <u>butt</u> !??	
B	Yeah.	
A	The Italians <u>/ə/</u> the best team <u>/</u> in the <u>world</u> ! I'll kick <u>your</u> butt, you <u>idiot</u> !	21
B	Haha – <u>you</u> couldn't kick <u>a thing</u> ! Don't worry though, maybe Italy will sign <u>you</u> up – you'd be better than most <u>/əv/</u> their <u>team</u> !	22
A	Hey! Come <u>back</u> here you!!!	23