Sounding Surprised: Intonation

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Name: _____ Date: _____

1. Choose the feeling.

How does the speaker feel?

1. REALLY? (high and rising)
   Choices: surprised / bored / angry

   Answer: _____

2. Really. (flat and low)
   Choices: not interested / amazed / excited

   Answer: _____

3. Oh no... (soft and falling)
   Choices: sympathetic / angry / excited

   Answer: _____

4. That’s AMAZING! (wide pitch)
   Choices: excited / bored / tired

   Answer: _____

2. Choose the tone.

Write high or flat.

1. A: I won a prize! B: REALLY? (tone to show interest) ___

2. A: I won a prize. B: Really. (tone to show boredom) ___

3. A: We’re moving to Canada! B: NO WAY! (tone to show surprise) ___

4. A: I lost my keys. B: Oh. (tone to show you do not care) ___

3. Mark and practice.

Write each reaction and mark the word with the strongest stress. Say it with the correct feeling.

1. A surprised reaction to good news.

3. Mark and practice. (continued)

2. A sympathetic reaction to bad news.

3. An interested reaction with a question.