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Episode 62: Language to announce your

decision

宣布决定时使用的短语

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Narrator: Hello again and welcome back to English at Work - the drama about life

at the plastic fruit production company called Tip Top Trading. You may remember Anna, the company's newest and brightest sales executive, was offered a promotion and a marriage proposal at the same time. She's taken time out to think about her reply but everyone in the office really

misses her.

Tom: (Pouring his heart out) I dunno Denise, I'd be good for Anna, I think we

would be been a perfect pair. Mr and Mrs Darcy... it sounds good...

LIFT DOOR OPENS

Anna: I'm back!

Tom: Anna! I...we weren't expecting you.

Anna: Yes I can see – perhaps you could tidy up your desk Tom.

Tom: Very funny Anna – still trying to be the boss! So did you have a good trip?

Did you get some 'head space'?

Anna: Eh?

Narrator: He means time alone to think about the things you want to think about.

Tell him you've been chewing things over – it means you've been thinking

about your proposals and say I have come to a final decision.

Anna: OK, well it's true; I have done a lot of thinking. (*To Tom*) Tom, I did have

some head space and a chance to... chew things over...

Tom: Yes! Yes! And?

Anna: And I've come to a final decision. The answer is 'yes'. I accept. There's

no doubt really... I should give it a go... I need the experience... and

besides, what's the worst thing that can happen?

Tom: Oh Anna. I'm so happy. You won't regret your decision.

Narrator: Hmm – is Anna really saying 'yes' to Tom's marriage proposal or has

there been a misunderstanding? Here are some of the phrases we've

heard today:

I've had a chance to chew things over.

I've come to a final decision.

I'll give it a go.

You won't regret your decision.

Narrator: Find out if we can look forward to Anna and Tom's wedding in the next

episode of English at Work. Bye!

Listening Challenge 听力挑战:

What does Anna ask Tom to do?

Anna 让 Tom 做什么? Answer: Tidy his desk.