

Dramatic Contrasts 2

Contrast is one of the the most common presentation techniques. And a lot of famous quotations take the form of dramatic contrasts.

That's one small step for man. One giant leap for mankind.
Neil Armstrong

The difficult: that which can be done immediately.
The impossible: that which takes a little longer.
George Santayana

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Look at the following famous quotations. Each consists of a dramatic contrast. Can you guess how they finish? The answers are in the key.

1. "Ask not what your country can do for you.
Ask what you"
2. "To decide not to decide is a decision.
To fail to decide"
3. "It's a recession when your neighbour loses his job.
It's a depression when"
4. "If you owe your bank a hundred pounds, you have a problem.
But if you owe it a million,"
5. "Everything has been thought of before.
The problem is to think"
6. "I like the dreams of the future
better than the history."
7. "I'd rather be a failure at something I enjoy
than a success at"
8. "Wise men talk because they have something to say;
fools because they have to"
9. "Success is getting what you want.
Happiness is wanting"
10. "Many a man owes his success to his first wife,
and his second"
11. "You can't win them all.
But you sure can"
12. "A businessman is someone who talks golf all morning in the office.
And business all afternoon"

John F. Kennedy

Gen. George Patton

Harry S. Truman

J. M. Keynes

Goethe

Thomas Jefferson

George Burns

Plato

Benjamin Franklin

Jim Backus

Anonymous

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You probably found a lot of the quotations in this exercise quite easy to complete. Why do you think that was? Say them aloud, paying particular attention to how you say them.