



Sentence Stress

The English language, like many others, is made up of an **alphabet**.



The English alphabet has 26 letters.



When we put these letters together we get a
word.

happy

And when we put words together, we get a
sentence.

I am very happy in
England.

English is a **stress-timed language** and this means that only some words within a sentence are important.

To ensure that people know which words are important, we add **stress** and emphasise them.

To stress something in English, we need to:

- Make a longer sound
- Make a louder sound
- Use a higher pitch
- Make a clearer and more enunciated sound
- Use more facial movement

There are lots of rules and patterns that can help us decide where the stress goes in a sentence.

Continue our course to find out more.