



## Sentence Stress Interactive Worksheet

*In order to complete this worksheet, you should watch the pronunciation video about sentence stress in English. You should complete this worksheet at the same time as watching the video.*

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**EXERCISE A: What is the difference between a syllabic and a non-syllabic language?**

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**EXERCISE B: Is English a syllabic or non-syllabic language? Circle the correct answers.**

What type of language is English?

SYLLABIC

NON-SYLLABIC

**EXERCISE C: What are the five conditions of stressing a word in English?**

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_

**EXERCISE D:** Below is a selection of parts of speech. Put them into the correct column in the table. If the parts of speech are content words, put them in column 1 and if the parts of speech are function words, put them in column 2.

Noun                  Possessive Pronoun                  Personal Pronoun                  Relative Pronoun  
 Main Verb                  Negative Auxiliary Verb                  Affirmative Auxiliary Verb  
 Adjective                  Possessive Adjective                  Demonstrative                  Adverb  
 Preposition                  Conjunction                  Interjection                  Interrogative                  Article

Content Words	Function Words

**EXERCISE E:** Which words are stressed in the following sentence? Highlight the stressed words.

Will you watch the children because I'm going to town?

**EXERCISE F:** What is emphatic stress?

Emphatic stress is:

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**EXERCISE G: What is contrastive stress? Provide an example sentence.**

Contrastive stress is:

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For example:

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**EXERCISE H: Is the following sentence true or false? Select the correct answer.**

Contrastive stress is usually used with demonstratives (this, that, these, those)

TRUE

FALSE

**EXERCISE I: Complete the following table. In the first column you can see a sentence with a certain word being stressed (bold, underlined). In the second column, you should write what the focus of this sentence is and how this stress changes the meaning. In the third column, you should write a possible question that has been asked to require this answer.**

Sentence	Meaning	Question Asked
<u>My</u> cat is cute		
My <u>cat</u> is cute		
My cat <u>is</u> cute		
My cat is <u>cute</u>		

**EXERCISE J:** What is the stress of the following sentence following normal stress rules? Draw the stress using stress bubbles, underlining or highlighting.

**Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?**

**EXERCISE K:** What is the stress of the following sentence following poetry, the iambic pentameter. Draw the stress using stress bubbles, underlining or highlighting.

**Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?**