



Sentence Stress

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Syllabic

Non-syllabic

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I am very happy

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Syllabic:

I am ve ry ha ppy

Non-syllabic:

I am very happy



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To put stress on something we;

- 1) Longer sound
- 2) Louder sound
- 3) Higher pitch
- 4) Clear and enunciated sound
- 5) Facial movement

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Part of Speech	Example	Part of Speech	Example
Noun	table, cup, chair	Adjective	happy, sad
Possessive Pronoun	mine, yours, his, hers, its, ours	Possessive Adjective	my, your, his, her, its, our, their
Personal Pronoun	I, you, he, she, it, we, they	Demonstrative	this, that, these, those
Relative Pronoun	who, whom, which	Adverb	quickly, slowly, always, never
Main Verb	do, play, go, see	Preposition	in, on, at, to, up
Negative Auxiliary Verb	can't, don't, won't, shouldn't	Conjunction	but, and, because
Affirmative Auxiliary Verb	do, can, must, have to	Interjection	wow, ah, ouch, oops
Articles	a, an, some, the	Interrogative	who, what, where, when



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content function

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Content	Function
Stressed	Not Stressed
	
Noun Possessive Pronoun Main Verb Negative Auxiliary Verb Adjective Adverb Interrogative	Personal Pronoun Relative Pronouns Affirmative Auxiliary Verb Possessive Adjective Demonstrative Preposition Conjunction Interjection Article

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

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

Affirmative auxiliary verb

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

Personal pronoun

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Main verb

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Article

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Noun

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Preposition

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

Noun

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

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My best friend lives in France

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Have you seen the fire?

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My dog has eaten my shoes

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-  No stress
-  Emphatic stress
-  Contrastive stress
-  Poetry

-  No stress
 - o Train announcements

-  Emphatic stress

   
I am very happy





Emphatic stress




I am very happy



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Emphatic stress

really very much positively
totally fully utterly
sincerely deeply strongly

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Contrastive stress

- Demonstratives

Is this your book?

No, that is my book



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Contrastive stress

My cat is cute



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Contrastive stress

My cat is cute

Whose cat is cute?

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Contrastive stress

My cat is cute

What is cute?

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Contrastive stress



My cat is cute

Your cat isn't cute

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Contrastive stress



My cat is cute

Describe your cat

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Poetry stress

- Iamb
- Rochee
- Spondee
- Anapaest
- Dactyl

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Poetry stress

Shall I compare thee
to a summer's day?

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Poetry stress

○ ○ ● ○
Shall I compare thee
○ ○ ● ●
to a summer's day?

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Poetry stress

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