SENTENCE STRESS

READ AND COMPLETE USING THE CORRECT WORDS

key words - accent - small, simple words - beat

Sentence stress is what gives English its rhythm or_____. You remember that word stress is accent on one syllable within a word. Sentence stress is _____on certain words within a sentence.

Most sentences have two basic types of word:

content

Content words are the _____of a sentence. They are the important words that carry the meaning or sense the real content.

structure

Structure words are not very important words. They are _____that make the sentence correct grammatically. They give the sentence its correct form its structure.

COMPLETE USING THE CORRECT WORDS

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speed - "grammatically correct" sentence - stressed - beat - content words - message

If you remove the structure words from a sentence, you will probably still understand the sentence.

If you remove the _____from a sentence, you will not understand the sentence. The sentence has no sense or meaning.

Imagine that you receive this telegram message:

SELL CAR GONE FRANCE

This sentence is not complete. It is not a_____. But you probably understand it. These 4 words communicate very well. Somebody wants you to sell their car for them because they have gone to France. We can add a few words:

SELL my CAR I've GONE to FRANCE

The new words do not really add any more information. But they make the _____more correct grammatically. We can add even more words to make one complete, grammatically correct sentence. But the information is basically the same:

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content words									
Will	you	**SELL**	my	**CAR**	because	I've	**GONE**	to	**FRANCE.**
structure words									

In our sentence, the 4 key words (sell, car, gone, France) are accentuated or_____.

Why is this important for pronunciation? It is important because it adds "music" to the language. It is the rhythm of the English language. It changes the _____at which we speak (and listen to) the language. The time between each stressed word is the same.

In our sentence, there is 1 syllable between SELL and CAR and 3 syllables between CAR and GONE. But the time (t) between SELL and CAR and between CAR and GONE is the same. We maintain a constant _____on the stressed words. To do this, we say "my" more slowly, and "because I've" more quickly. We change the speed of the small structure words so that the rhythm of the key content words stays the same.

syllables								
2		1		3		1		
Will you	**SELL**	my	**CAR**	because I've	**GONE**	to	**FRANCE.**	
t1	*beat*	*t1*	*beat*	*t1*	*beat*	*t1*	*beat*	

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