

Words Generally Stressed in Sentences: Content Words

Content words are the important words in a sentence that convey meaning. We normally **STRESS** content words when speaking. Content words include all the major parts of speech such as nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, and question words.

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Words Generally Unstressed in Sentences: Function Words

Function words are the unimportant words in a sentence. They don't carry as much meaning as content words. We normally do **NOT** stress function words when speaking. Function words include the following parts of speech:

	<u>Examples</u>
1. Articles	<i>the, a</i>
2. Prepositions	<i>for, of, in, to</i>
3. Pronouns	<i>I, her, him, he, she, you</i>
4. Conjunctions	<i>but, as, and</i>
5. Helping verbs	<i>is, was, are, were, has, can</i>