


PRONUNCIATIONContrastive
stress

- 6 a**  **1.8** You can stress a word strongly when you want to contrast it with something else. Listen.

PAULINE Chris told me he'd cancelled all meetings.

RAINER I think he meant all his meetings.

PAULINE But that's not what he said. He said all meetings.

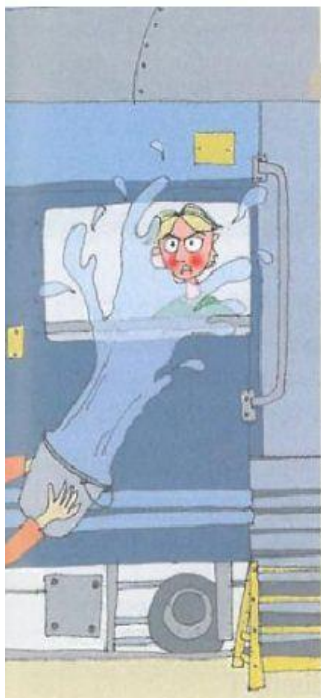
- b** Decide which two contrasting words would have strong stress.

- 1 It isn't your fault. It's Chris's fault.
- 2 The problem is, it isn't a plant. It's a tree.
- 3 It wasn't the normal price. It was a special price.

- c**  **1.9** Listen to check. Practise saying the sentences.

WRITE THE WORDS YOU LISTEN THAT HAVE CONTRASTIVE STRESS

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



- 2 a** Read Carl's story about a disastrous journey. Choose the best options.

My worst ever journey – though it was kind of funny, too – happened in India a few years ago. I wanted to get a train from Delhi to a town called Dehra Dun near the Himalayas. But half an hour before my train was due to leave, I ¹realised / had realised I ²came / had come to the wrong station. I ³was / had been sure my friend ⁴told / had told me to go to the station in New Delhi but in fact my train went from the Old Delhi station. I jumped in a taxi but when I ⁵got / had got to Old Delhi, my train ⁶already left / had already left.

So I bought a new ticket, waited a few hours and got on the next train. Everything was fine until I ⁷noticed / had noticed one of my bags ⁸disappeared / had disappeared. I ⁹remembered / 'd remembered that a strange man ¹⁰walked / had walked through the carriage some time before, so maybe he ¹¹took / 'd taken it. Unfortunately, there was an old camera in it with some pictures that I ¹²took / 'd taken of my grandmother just before she died, and also a hat some close friends ¹³gave / had given me. The other passengers were very kind and tried to help, but it was too late.

Later, we stopped at a little station in the countryside. Suddenly, a wave of water ¹⁴came / had come through the open window and soaked me to the skin! I ¹⁵forgot / 'd forgotten it was the Hindu festival of Holi, when people throw paints and water at each other. It's all meant to be fun, of course, but by that time I ¹⁶lost / 'd lost my sense of humour!

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- b**  **1.10** Listen to check.