

# Emphasis & misunderstanding

## 1 (Emphasis) Match the sentences on the left with an appropriate sentence on the right.

1. The committee's <b>emphasis</b> on the word 'recycling' was noticeable.	A. Some, however, are <b>emphatic</b> that more research needs to be carried out.
2. Our guide <b>accentuated</b> the importance of remaining calm if there was trouble.	B. She <b>emphasised</b> the fact that panicking would only make matters worse.
3. Our teacher explained that it was <b>crucially important</b> to pace ourselves while revising for the exam.	C. The main speaker <b>gave prominence</b> in his speech to the need for better job opportunities.
4. At the conference, the <b>accent</b> was on unemployment.	D. We consider progress in this field to be <b>extremely important</b> .
5. <b>Prominent</b> scientists have stated that genetically modified food is probably perfectly safe.	E. He <b>put great stress</b> on the maxim that 'All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy'.
6. It is <b>of crucial importance</b> that we make more use of technology if we are to make progress.	F. They <b>stressed</b> again and again the importance of reusing things as much as possible.

## 2 (Emphasis) Complete these sentences with a word or phrase in bold from exercise 1. You may need to change the form of the word or phrase. In some cases, more than one answer is possible.

- Painting the building white did not make it look any better. In fact, it only ..... its ugliness.
- The rugged hills are a ..... feature of the landscape
- At the meeting of the Students' Council, the ..... was on better standards of accommodation.
- The Minister of Transport ..... on the need for an integrated transport policy.
- It is ..... that we try to improve relations between our countries.
- She banged the table for ..... as she spoke.

## 3 (Misunderstanding) Complete these sentences with an appropriate word or expression from the box. In some cases, more than one answer is possible.

assumed	confused	confusion	impression	misapprehension
mistaken	mix-up	obscure		

- I was completely ..... by his explanation, and had to ask someone else what he meant.
- There were scenes of ..... at the airport when the snowstorm stopped all the flights.
- We nearly didn't catch our flight because of a ..... over the tickets.
- There are several ..... points in your essay. It's not very clear.
- He was under the ..... that socialism and communism were the same thing.
- We all ..... wrongly as it turned out, that we would be interviewed individually.
- Many people are ..... in the belief that organic food is better for you than conventionally-grown food.
- She gave us the ..... that we had done something to upset her, although we had done nothing of the sort.