



Language Focus Stress



6 Listening for stressed words

Read the conversation and fill in as many blanks as possible. Listen to the conversation again to check and complete the answers.

Andrew: Nancy!

Nancy: Yeah?

Andrew: Look at this (1)_____ bill. We're spending (2)_____ too much on (3)_____.

Nancy: Ugh, I know. It's because (4)_____ people in this house never remember to turn off (5)_____.

Mari: Um, (6)_____ turn off lights all the (7)_____. In Japan, we're very (8)_____ about saving energy.

Andrew: Well, if we had a (9)_____ house, we wouldn't have to (10)_____ about this so much.

Mari: A smart house?

Nancy: Yeah, we've been talking about that for (11)_____. Go ahead, Andrew, explain what it (12)_____.

Andrew: Well, a (13)_____ house is a house that has (14)_____ systems for controlling the lights, (15)_____, windows, and doors...

Mari: You mean the lights turn off by (16)_____?

Andrew: Yes, they can turn on or off at a (17)_____ time that you decide.

Nancy: Or the (18) _____ can tell if someone is in the (19) _____ or not. If the room is empty, the lights go (20) _____.

Andrew: And the heating and (21) _____ (22) _____ work the same way.

Mari: That's very cool.

Andrew: And you can program other (23) _____ to do stuff, too.

Mari: Like which (24) _____? How?

Andrew: Like your security system (25) _____ you and opens your door, your (26) _____ turns on when you enter a (27) _____, your refrigerator tells you when you (28) _____ out of food...

Mari: So, it's all (29) _____, right?

Nancy: Right. And get this, you control everything (30) _____ from your phone or (31) _____.

Andrew: So, let's say you're on (32) _____ or at work, but don't remember if you turned off your (33) _____, it's all very (34) _____.

Nancy: And (35) _____!

Mari: You just need an (36) _____ on your phone and that's it?

Andrew: Well, yes, an (37) _____, but you also have to (38) _____ a control system, you know, the hardware, then some (39) _____ ...

Nancy: Yeah, it can get a little (40) _____. And expensive!

Andrew: But we will (41) _____ turn this house into a (42) _____ one eventually...

Nancy: OK, but in the (43) _____, let's all be smart about (44) _____ energy. Um, who left the TV on in the (45) _____?

Andrew: Oops.