2 Pronunciation.

Word Stress for Important Information

When we are trying to make a point or persuade someone our argument is correct, we often stress or emphasise the words that we think are most important.

Listen to the example from debate.

*'We believe that **governments** are responsible for stopping global warming.'*

The word government is stressed because the speaker is arguing that governments are responsible for stopping global warming, so the word *'governments'* is important.

1 Listen to the extracts 1-4 from the debate below.
Underline the word that the speaker emphasises in each sentence.

1. In our opinion, individuals are responsible for stopping global warming.
2. I understand, but money is not as important as saving the planet.
3. However, we do not believe people will change their lifestyles unless governments change laws and policies.
4. If we want to reduce global warming, we all have to change our habits.

2 Practise saying each sentence and emphasising the word you underlined.

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