

A- Listen and write the words you hear CD 1-44

1. I _____ a lot.
2. I like to _____ .
3. What _____ do you _____ ?
4. Do you like _____ ?

B- Listen and write the words you hear CD 3-15

1. Would you like a _____ or a _____ coffee?
2. Are you paying with _____ or _____ ?
3. Can this be _____ or should I _____ it?
4. Do you like this _____ or the _____ ?

SENTENCES STRESS RULES

1. *content words are stressed*
2. *structure words are unstressed*
3. *the time between stressed words is always the same*

Content words - stressed

words carrying the meaning	example
main verbs	SELL, GIVE, EMPLOY
nouns	CAR, MUSIC, MARY
adjectives	RED, BIG, INTERESTING
adverbs	QUICKLY, WHY, NEVER
negative auxiliaries	DON'T, AREN'T, CAN'T

Structure words - unstressed

words for correct grammar	example
pronouns	he, we, they
prepositions	on, at, into
articles	a, an, the
conjunctions	and, but, because
auxiliary verbs	do, be, have, can, must

Exceptions

The rules above are for what is called "neutral" or normal stress. But sometimes we can stress a word that would normally be only a structure word, for example to correct information. Look at the following dialogue:

"They've been to Mongolia, haven't they?"

"No, **THEY** haven't, but **WE** have."

C- Listen and write the words you hear CD 3-16

A: May I _____ you with something, or are you just _____

B: Can I see that _____, please?

A: The one with the _____ band?

B: No, the one with the _____ band.

A: Certainly. Here you are.

B: Thanks. Yes... this is _____. I'll take it.

A: It's a very _____ choice. Will you be paying with _____ today?

B: No, I'd like to _____ with cash.

D- Listen and write the words you hear CD 3-39

A: So, how do you like _____ here?

B: Well, it's okay. The _____ are really _____.

A: That's true.

B: And there are lots of great _____ and _____.

A: Yeah, the nightlife is _____. I go out all the time.

B: But it's too _____ for me, and I can't stand the _____.

A: I know what you _____. The _____ gets _____ every year!