



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.