

Emphasis & misunderstanding

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

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

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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.