

Stressed out and connected!!

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SENTENCE STRESS

Practice activities:

1. Change the stress three ways in the following sentences:

I love you.

Yes you did. (No, you didn't.)

What difference, if any, did it make to the meaning?

2. In pairs or small groups come up with (at least!) three reasons why we teach stress.

3. Take it in turns to read the questions from A and B and listen to their (long) answers, Here are the A or B sentence answers below:

A: John and Mary got married in a small church in Takapuna last Saturday.

B: We haven't got any ice.

WORD STRESS

Practice activities:

1. The following are a sample of words this week for revision from the IELTS class. Sort out the underlined words into the correct stress groups:

Ooo

oOo

Oooo

oO

Oo

oOoo

pesticide toxic endanger absorb herbicide emission eliminate lateral
convince threaten germinate sewage evaporates contribute prior

Have you ever done this kind of exercise before? How successful was it?

What other syllable stress methods have you used for highlighting stressed syllables?

2. Now say **daaa** for stressed syllable and **da** for unstressed syllables eg **daaadada** and your partner will tell you all the **words** in that group using the correct stress.

eg Ss1: **daaadada** Ss2: pesticide, herbicide, germinate.

3. Take it in turns to backchain and then front chain each word in the IELTS vocab list.

eg. cide ticide 'pesticide 'pes 'pesti 'pesticide

Which do you think is more successful and why?

CONNECTED SPEECH

Practice activities:

1. Review questions and sentences in A and B sentence stress activities for features of connected speech - linking, intrusion, ellipsis and weak forms.

2. Practise backchaining a couple of them.

3. Practise backchaining the examples given, especially considering aspects of connected speech.

Sentence Stress A:

1. Did Jean and Mary get married in a small church in Takapuna last Saturday?
2. Did John and Marie get married in a small church in Takapuna last Saturday?
3. Did John and Mary get married in a big church in Takapuna last Saturday?
4. Did John and Mary get married in a small cafe in Takapuna last Saturday?
5. Did John and Mary get married in a small church in Takanini last Saturday?
6. Did John and Mary get engaged in Takapuna last Saturday?

Sentence Stress B:

1. Have you got any ice?
2. Haven't you got just a little bit of ice?
3. Every hotel has got ice, hasn't it?
4. Surely you've got some ice!
5. Have you got an icecube?

Connected speech back chaining activities:

A

Why don't you meet him Downtown?

The All Black tour is a media event.

Do you want to go in or go out?

Do you want your hamburger with raw onion?

How was your weekend?

B

Why don't you meet her at home?

Pasifika is a media event.

Did he go in or go out?

Do you like raw onion?

How was the party?