

*Advanced Level 1, Unit 1, Lesson 1.*

Stress your meaning.

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My name's Andy Hodgson. Today we'll be learning all about which words are stressed in a sentence and ...WHY?

Why are some words stressed or given more emphasis than others?  
What use or function does this serve in speaking English?  
How do we know which words are stressed and which words are not stressed?

That's the focus for today's program.

The words which are stressed in any sentence are called **Content words**.

These words are the Content of the sentence; the words that tell us what the speaker is talking about.

The words that are not stressed are called **Function words**. These are the words that serve a function, and that function is basically to glue the parts of language together.

*Content words*

Content words include, names of people and places, The main doing word, the describing word and words that "tell us something" about the main doing word.

*Let's practice some words.*

Names: **Kitchen, Apple, House, Car, Restaurant**. These are all names of things.  
Practice them with me....

The main doing word: **Give, Make, Talk, Feel, Walk**.

These are all main doing words.

Practice them with me....

Now onto describing words: **Big, Long, Small, short, beautiful**.

These are all words that describe something.

Let's practice them ....

Words that "tell us something" about the main doing word: **Really, largely, Very, Beautifully, Importantly**.

*Let's practice them ....*

*Function Words.*

Now let's look at Function Words.

Function words are words that link the contents of the sentence together, but function words also tell us things about the content words .....