



# Pronunciation

Day 3



# Today's Date

# Hello!

Today is Friday,  
June **14th**,  
2024

## JUNE 2024

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*The objectives of CLUES' Pronunciation Class are for students:*

- To gain confidence with their English pronunciation.
- To have clear, understandable pronunciation for everyday life and tasks.
- To practice speaking and listening to English.

**Schedule:**

**Fall 2023:**

September 15 - December 8, 2023

Fridays, 10:00 - 12:00 a.m. CST

*No class: Friday, November 24 - Thanksgiving week*

[See full class calendar](#)

**Want to attend?** [Register here](#)

**Where:** Virtually on [Zoom](#)

**Cost of class:** Free!

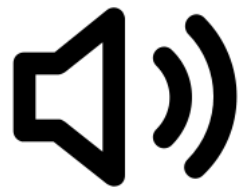
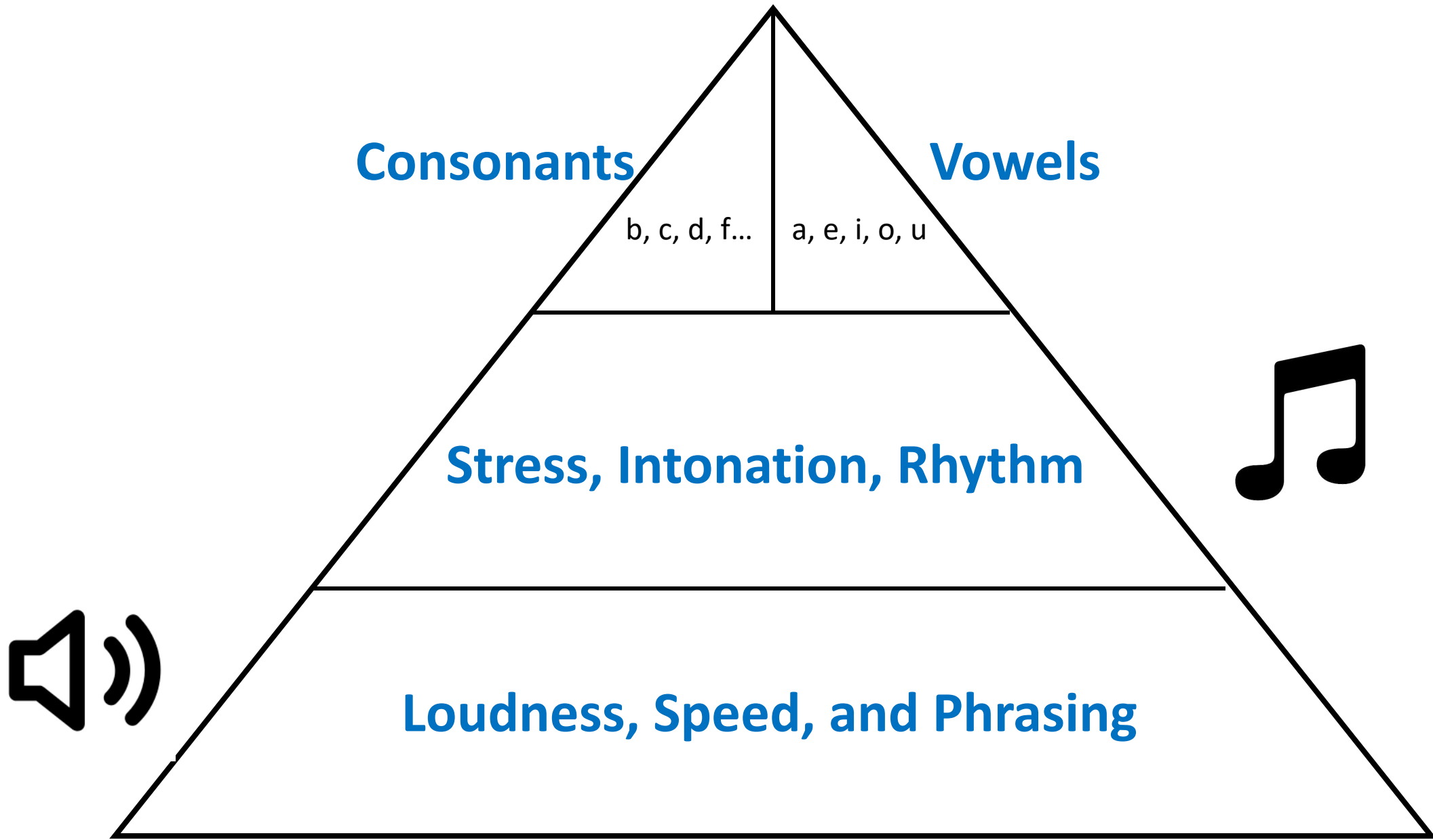
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### Weekly Presentations:



Week 1 - Getting to Know You / Alphabet / Spelling  
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<https://www.cluesclasses.com/pronunciation.html>



***Six silly sisters selling shiny shoes.***



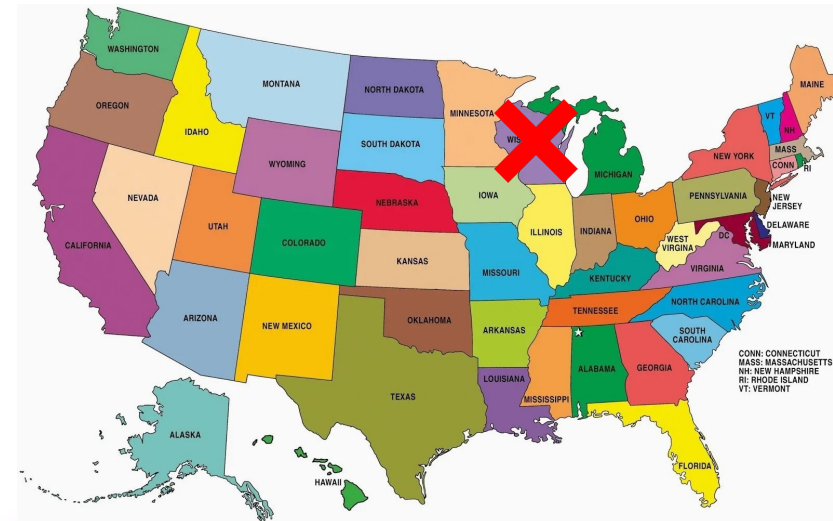
# Raise your hand if...

**you have more than 3 siblings**



# Raise your hand if...

you have family that lives in another state



# Raise your hand if...

you have more than 5 uncles





# Raise your hand if...

you have more than 2 children

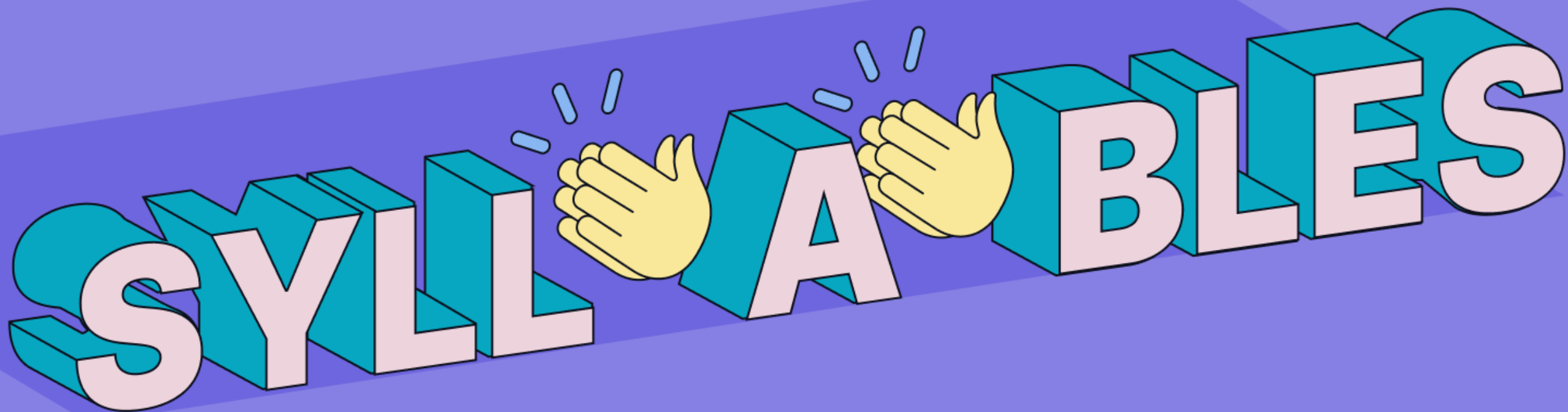


# Raise your hand if...

**there are cats in your family**



SYLLABLES

The image features the word "SYLLABLES" in large, 3D block letters. The letters are white with a light blue shadow underneath, set against a solid purple background. The letter 'A' is the central focus, with two yellow hands clapping over it. Small blue lines radiate from the hands, suggesting motion or sound. The letters 'S', 'Y', 'L', 'L', 'E', 'S' are positioned to the left and right of the 'A', respectively. The overall style is playful and educational.



# - Sort the words into groups by stress pattern

Mother Father Mom Daughter Sister	Married Single Couple Family Son	Divorced Siblings Husband Grandparents	Grandma Wife Cousin Uncle Children	Aunt Parents Grandchildren Dad Partner
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Column A                      B                      C                      D                      E                      F

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# Reading: My Grandmother

My grandmother, Maria, was born on March 10th, 1938.

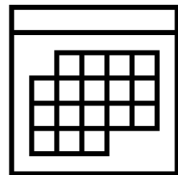
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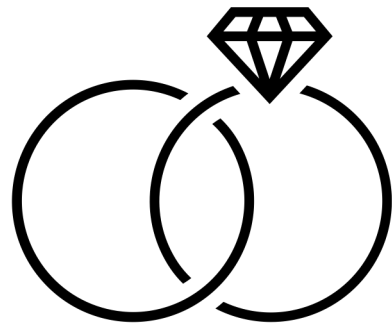
My grandma moved from Mexico to Minnesota when she was 18 (eighteen) years old.



She met my grandpa a month after she came to Minnesota.



My grandparents were married on  
Monday, May 1 (first), 1950 (nineteen fifty).



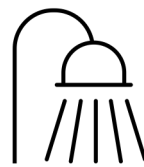
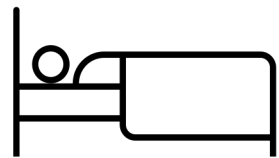


They had many children – including my mom.



My grandparents had a beautiful home  
in Minneapolis.

Their home had two bedrooms and one  
bathroom on the main floor.





# **Sentence Focus: Emphasizing Content Words**

# Contrast



Which picture is easier to locate the butterfly?

# Contrast

How do you spell **“easy”**?

We stress a syllable to emphasize important words  
and make them easier to hear.

How do you spell "easy"?

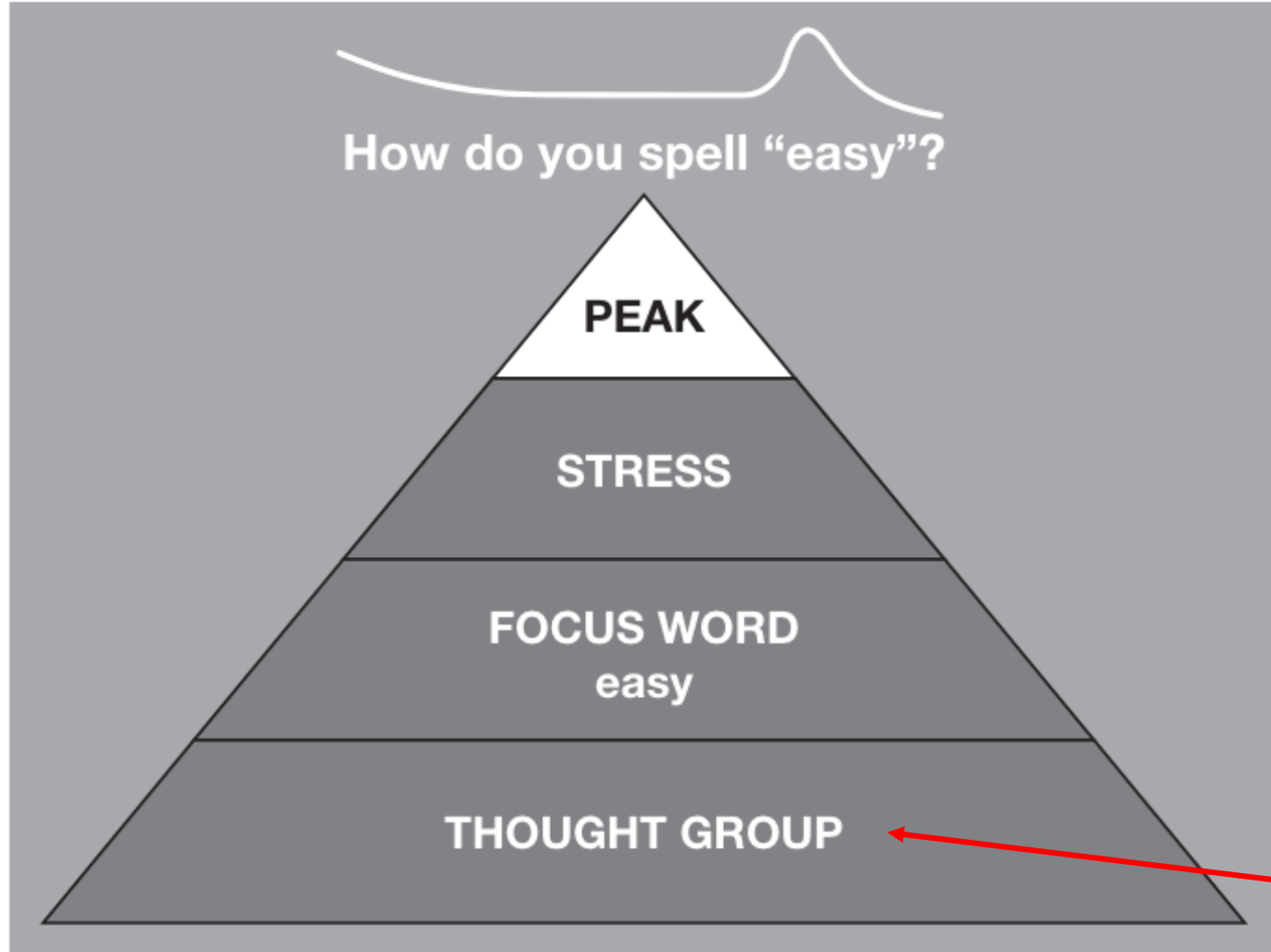
**PEAK**

**STRESS**

**FOCUS WORD**  
easy

**THOUGHT GROUP**

Short sentence or phrase




Follow that **car**!


Wh **i**ch car?

The **y**ellow one!





X: Where shall we eat? (first utterance)



Y: Let's eat in a restaurant. (*eat* is now old information)



X: Which restaurant?




# Finding the focus word


Listen and choose the focus word that you hear emphasized


1. We'll be arriving tomorrow.
2. You look great.
3. She lives in St. Paul now.
4. Is the baby walking yet?
5. Where are we going?
6. I'm always hungry.


# Emphasizing the focus word


The focus word is underlined in these sentences. Listen and hear how they are emphasized.

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1. My cat eats fish. (noun)
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2. He loves it. (main verb)
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3. But only fresh fish. (adjective)
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4. He eats slowly. (adverb)
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5. I don't know why he eats that way. (question word)

# Focus and content words

The words that were emphasized in the sentences are content words.

Here are some examples of content words:

Nouns	Main verbs	Adverbs	Adjectives	Question words
cat	run	suddenly	fresh	who
bus	read	carefully	green	what
glasses	eat	slowly	confused	how

# Content word game

In teams, write as many content words you can think of for each category in 3 minutes.

Nouns	Main verbs	Adverbs	Adjectives	Question words

# Adding a focus word

- Add a content word to each sentence
- The content word you add will be the focus word.
- Practice saying the sentences.

1. I can't \_\_\_\_\_ (main verb).
2. He's riding a \_\_\_\_\_ (noun).
3. The baby is \_\_\_\_\_ (main verb).
4. Please hand me the \_\_\_\_\_ (noun).
5. The food is very \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective).
6. I'm not sure \_\_\_\_\_ she's going. (question word)
7. He drives \_\_\_\_\_. (adverb)

Practice saying the sentences. Emphasize the focus words.

# Listen to the dialogue

- Which words are the focus words?
- Which words are emphasized?

Listen here: <https://basicenglishspeaking.com/family/>

**How many \_\_\_\_\_ are there in your family?**

**There are \_\_\_\_\_ people in my family: my father, mother, brother, sister, and me.**

**Does your family live in a house or an apartment?**

**We live in a \_\_\_\_\_ in the countryside.**

**What does your \_\_\_\_\_ do?**

**My father is a \_\_\_\_\_. He works at the local hospital.**



**How \_\_\_\_\_ is your mother?**

**She is \_\_\_\_\_ years old, 1 year younger than my father.**

**Do you have any \_\_\_\_\_? What's his/her name?**

**Yes, I do. I have 1 \_\_\_\_\_ brother, David, and 1 \_\_\_\_\_ sister, Mary.**

**Are you the \_\_\_\_\_ amongst your brothers and sisters?**

**No, I'm not. I'm the \_\_\_\_\_ child in my family.**

**What does your mother/father like?**

**My father likes \_\_\_\_\_ and my mother likes \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Do your \_\_\_\_\_ let you stay out late?**

**Of course not. They always ask me to get home before 10 pm each night.**

**Do you stay with your parents?**

**Right now, no, but I used to.**

**Does your family usually have  
\_\_\_\_\_ together?**

**Yes, we do. My mom always prepares  
\_\_\_\_\_ meals for us.**