Listening for Main Stress

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1. In a neutral sentence, main stress is usually on…
   Choices: the last content word / the first word / any small word

   Answer: _____

2. “I said I’d HELP, not pay.” The stress shows…
   Choices: contrast / a question / a pause

   Answer: _____

3. Which are normally stressed?
   Choices: nouns, verbs and adjectives / articles and prepositions / every word equally

   Answer: _____

4. Stress on a different word changes…
   Choices: the emphasis and meaning / the spelling / the tense

   Answer: _____

2. Complete the sentence.

Write one or two words.

1. Content words such as nouns and verbs are ___ .

2. In “I didn’t say SHE did it,” the stress is on ___ .

3. The main stress falls on the most important ___ information.

4. Small words such as “the” are usually ___ .

3. Your turn.

Write your own answers.

1. Write a sentence and capitalise the stressed words.

3. Your turn. (continued)

2. Write a correction with stress.

3. Write the same sentence with two different stresses and explain.