



Shifting Stress in Presentation Phrases

The following phrases can change meaning at least a little by changing the word which is stressed. Try to do so, marking the stressed words below if that helps. Three different meanings might be possible in some cases.

1. It might shock you to hear that...

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2. By the end of this presentation you will know the answer.

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3. After this presentation, I hope at least some of you will...

My goal is to change your mind about..., so that next time...

4. For the first part of my presentation,...

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5. I will be very happy to answer any questions after I finish.

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6. This diagram is a bar chart which shows...

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7. If you look at this slide,...

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8. These three bullet points represent...

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9. From what I've shown, it should be obvious that...

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10. I think all this proves that...

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What stress pattern is most common for each of the lines above?