

Contrastive Stress Adjectives

Normal stress

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| <u>e</u> qual | une <u>q</u> ual |
| <u>c</u> ommon | un <u>c</u> ommon |
| en <u>c</u> ourage | dis <u>c</u> ourage |
| advan <u>t</u> age | disadvan <u>t</u> age |
| in <u>cr</u> ease | de <u>cr</u> ease |
| <u>t</u> ypical | at <u>y</u> ypical |
| <u>p</u> ossible | im <u>p</u> ossible |

Contrastive stress

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| <u>e</u> qual | <u>u</u> nequal |
| <u>c</u> ommon | <u>u</u> ncommon |
| en <u>c</u> ourage | <u>d</u> iscourage |
| advan <u>t</u> age | <u>d</u> isadvantage |
| in <u>cr</u> ease | <u>d</u> ecrease |
| <u>t</u> ypical | <u>a</u> typical |
| <u>p</u> ossible | <u>i</u> mpossible |

Interview your partner. Be sure to use contrastive stress in the questions and answers.

1. Are people treated equally or unequally in this country?
2. What are some common names as well as some uncommon names in your country?
3. Would you encourage or discourage someone to study in the United States if English is not his or her native language?
4. What are some advantages as well as some disadvantages with your current job?
5. Should we increase or decrease the aid we give to immigrants in the United States?
6. What are some typical foods eaten in your country? What are some atypical foods?
7. Do you think it is possible or impossible to learn a second language after the age of 60?