

Name _____



Emphasis Express

Directions: Read each sentence aloud **once normally**, then **again with expression**. As you reread, **identify and emphasize** the **most important word** in the sentence, or the one that carries the main meaning or emotion. You may emphasize by:

- **Raising your voice slightly,**
- **Stretching or slowing** the important word, or
- **Pausing briefly before or after** the word.

Underline or circle the word you chose as the most important. After reading, explain **why you chose that word** to stress.

1. The storm knocked out all the lights in our neighborhood.
2. I can't believe how tall that building is!
3. The teacher quietly asked everyone to take their seats.
4. After dinner, we finally saw the first firefly of summer.
5. My dog always greets me at the door when I get home.
6. Please remember to bring your science notebook tomorrow.
7. The crowd cheered when the player scored the winning goal.
8. Don't forget to water the plants before we leave.
9. The baby laughed so hard that everyone else started laughing too.
10. I was amazed by how quickly the magician disappeared.