

Emphasis Express Answer Key

Sample Responses

1. **storm** - It's the event that caused the problem; emphasizing it shows the main action.
2. **believe** - Expresses surprise and emotion.
3. **quietly** - Changes how the teacher's action feels; tone control is key.
4. **finally** - Shows relief and excitement after waiting.
5. **always** - Highlights the dog's dependable and loving nature.
6. **remember** - The main action word tied to the reminder.
7. **cheered** - Reflects energy and excitement of the crowd.
8. **forget** - A warning; stressing it gives urgency.
9. **laughed** - The emotional center of the sentence; it sets the joyful tone.
10. **amazed** - Captures the reaction and wonder in the moment.

Teacher Notes / Guide

Implementation Tips:

- Model one example: Read "I can't believe how tall that building is!" three ways, stressing different words ("can't," "believe," "building"), and ask which sounds most natural or expressive.
- Encourage students to reread each sentence 2-3 times, experimenting with emphasis until it sounds natural.
- Discuss how stress changes **emotion, meaning, and focus** in a sentence.

Differentiation Ideas:

- For beginners, provide pre-highlighted options (two possible stressed words).
- For advanced students, ask them to explain how **changing the stressed word** alters the sentence's tone or meaning.