**Contrastive Stress**

*Sometimes we stress words that we don’t normally stress when we want to give a special meaning or to clarify something.*

**Introduction of new information:**

A: Who’s her son?

B: That’s her son. He’s the **tall** kid over there.

A: What are you doing over the break?

B: I want to take a vacation to somewhere **warm**.

A: Where should we take your father for his birthday?

B: He likes that restaurant. You know, the **expensive** one.

**Correcting or clarifying information:**

A: She arrived last night.

B: No, she arrived last **week**.

A: What do you want to drink?

B: Something **non**-alcoholic.

A: He makes $10/hour.

B: No, he makes **$12**/hour.

**To show emphasis:**

A: He got a good deal on his insurance.

B: Our insurance is **less** expensive than his.

A: Tom never calls!

B: He doesn’t call often, but he **did** call last night.

A: What should we make for dinner for Sarah?

B: She eats fish, but she **doesn’t** eat meat.