


# 1B Pronunciation

## Sentence stress

### Student A

A Read the quotations and underline the stressed syllables in the perfect verb phrases in **bold**.

- a *'Everyone **has been made** for some particular work, and the desire for that work **has been put** in every heart.'* Rumi, Persian poet (1207–1273)
- b *'Summer afternoon, summer afternoon; to me those **have always been** the most beautiful words in the English language.'* Henry James, US novelist
- c *'I **have not failed**. I **have just found** ten thousand ways that won't work.'* Thomas Edison (US inventor)
- d *'History is the version of events that people **have decided** to agree upon.'* Napoleon Bonaparte, French military and political leader
- e *'**Much unhappiness has come** into the world because of bewilderment and things left **unsaid**.'* Fyodor Dostoevsky, Russian novelist
- f *'After all is said and done, a lot more **will have been said** than done.'*  
Author unknown

B  Work in AB pairs. Read your quotations to your partner, paying attention to sentence stress. Don't tell your partner who said the quotations. Can they guess which quotation is more than 700 years old?


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### Student B

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- a *'Tis better to **have loved and lost** than **never to have loved** at all.'* Alfred Lord Tennyson, British poet
- b *'With confidence, you **have won** even before you **have started**.'* Cicero, Roman politician (106 BC–43 BC)
- c *'**Having been poor** is no shame, but being ashamed of it, is.'* Benjamin Franklin, Founding Father of the US
- d *'To understand the heart and mind of a person, look not at what he **has already achieved**, but at what he **aspires to**.'* Khalil Gibran, Lebanese poet
- e *'If you **have accomplished** all that you **have planned for yourself**, you **have not planned enough**.'* Edward Hale, US author
- f *'One never sees what **has been done**; one can only see what remains to be done.'*  
Marie Curie, French scientist

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