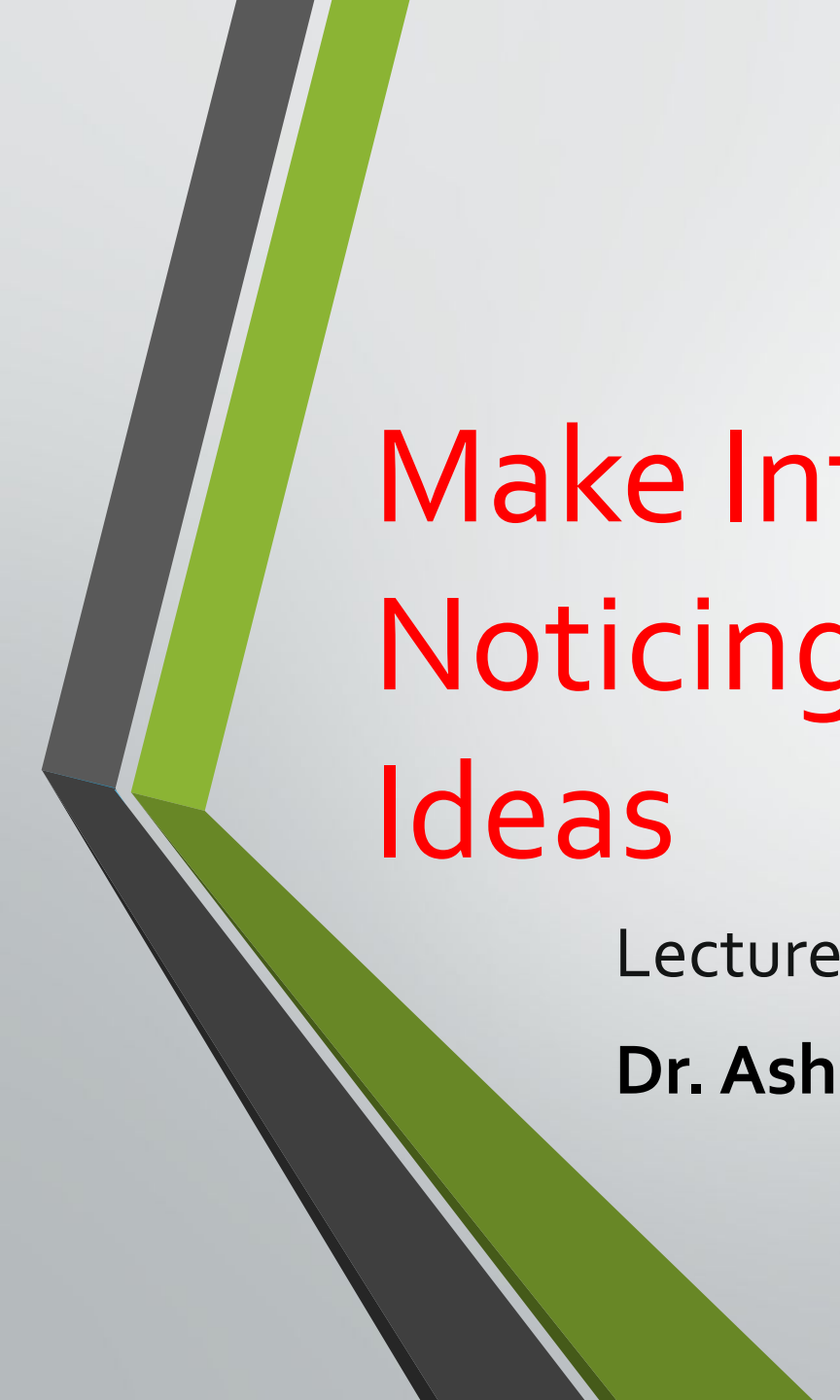




Make Inferences Noticing Contrasting Ideas

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MAKE INFERENCES

- An inference is a guess about something that is not directly stated.
- Use what you hear to understand the hidden meaning.

STRESS IN ENGLISH

- When we stress a word, we say it:
 - - louder
 - - longer
 - - with higher pitch

CONTRASTING IDEAS

- We stress DIFFERENT words to show contrast.
- These words are stronger and help us understand meaning.

LISTENING RULE

- Focus on stressed words.
- The strongest stressed words = contrast.

EXAMPLE



- KK: It's REALLY EXCITING to be here,
- in a BUSINESS SCHOOL CLASS,
- because I'M STILL in HIGH SCHOOL!

QUESTION

- Which two words is KK contrasting?
- _____ and _____

ANSWER

- BUSINESS and HIGH
- Meaning: It is unusual for a high school student to be here.

PRACTICE

- Listen to each excerpt.
- 1. Identify TWO contrasting words
- 2. Choose correct meaning

EXCERPT 1



- 1. Which two words is KK contrasting? _____ and _____
- 2. What does KK want to explain?
 - a. She is young now, but when she started her company, she was much younger.
 - b. KK has worked at her company for a very long time.

EXCERPT 2



- 1. Which two words is KK contrasting? _____ and _____
- 2. What does KK want to explain?
 - a. The gloves are very long.
 - b. Most gloves have fingers, but Wristies do not have fingers.

EXCERPT 3



- 1. Which two words is KK contrasting? _____ and _____
- 2. What does KK want to explain?
 - a. Most people only wear gloves outside, but people can wear Wristies inside, too.
 - b. Wristies are good for sports but also for work.

EXCERPT 4



- 1. Which two words is KK contrasting? _____ and _____
- 2. What does KK want to explain?
 - a. Her warm clothes and gloves did not cover her wrists.
 - b. KK's wrists were always cold in the winter.

ANSWERS

- $1 \rightarrow a$
- $2 \rightarrow b$
- $3 \rightarrow a$
- $4 \rightarrow a$

EXPRESS OPINIONS

Work with a partner. Answer the questions.

1. KK told the business students, "Don't be afraid to try something *new*:'

- Did you ever feel afraid to do something new?

- Tell about your experience.

- Did you do it? If yes, how did you feel? If no, was it the right decision?

2. "KK's mother made an excellent decision. It's very good for a child to have a business."

- Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

- Explain your opinion.

3. Do you ever buy things on the Internet?

What kinds of things do you buy online?

Is this better than shopping in a store? Why or why not?

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