

OPTION A: POWER POINT

WORK THROUGH	the "Emphasize/Minimize" Power Point presentation.
DISTRIBUTE	one "Emphasize/Minimize" worksheet to each student.
EXPLAIN	the directions for the two worksheet activities. (Students should be familiar after working through the Power Point quiz.)
GIVE	students time to complete the worksheet activities.
REVIEW	answers with the class.

OPTION B: WORKSHEET ONLY

ANTICIPATE	by asking students to consider the following two sentences: 1) Although Ruby did rob the bank, she did not take very much money. 2) Although Ruby did not take very much money, she did rob the bank. Ask students which one seems to emphasize that Ruby robbed the bank (the second one), and which one seems to emphasize that she didn't take very much money (the first one).
DISTRIBUTE	one "Emphasize/Minimize" worksheet to each student.
WORK THROUGH	sets 1 through 5 together with the class.
EXPLAIN	the directions for the activity on the second side of the worksheet.
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Name: _____



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These new friends help us do three things:

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- 2) Acknowledge that there is truth to the other side (this helps people take us seriously).
- 3) **Minimize** the argument that goes against us and **emphasize** the argument that is in our favor!

Read the following pairs of sentences and answer the questions by circling A or B:

- Set 1**
- A) Although cookies contain eggs and flour, they are full of high-calorie sugar.
 - B) Although cookies are full of sugar, they contain nutritious eggs and flour.

Which sentence emphasizes that cookies are bad for you? A B
Which sentence emphasizes that cookies are actually good for you? A B

- Set 2**
- A) Even though a lot of TV shows are violent and inappropriate, many shows on TV are educational and teach you about history, nature, and science.
 - B) Even though some TV shows are educational, most shows on TV are violent and full of inappropriate material.

Which sentence is arguing that TV is not worthwhile? A B
Which sentence is arguing that TV is worthwhile? A B

- Set 3**
- A) While some kids do buy things at the mall, most kids hang around in groups that block access to stores.
 - B) While some groups of kids block access to stores at the mall, many kids also buy things and help the stores make money.

Which sentence minimizes that kids benefit the mall? A B
Which sentence minimizes that kids are a problem at the mall? A B

- Set 4**
- A) Even though Bob was texting while driving, the other driver caused the accident.
 - B) Even though the other driver caused the accident, Bob was texting while driving.

Which sentence emphasizes what Bob was doing? A B
Which sentence emphasizes what the other driver did? A B

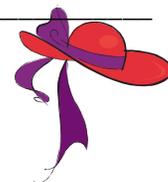
- Set 5**
- A) Although football is a dangerous sport, it is really fun and lots of people enjoy it.
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Which sentence minimizes the positives about football? A B
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Directions: Use your new friends “although,” “even though,” and “while” to write sentences that emphasize or minimize certain facts.

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Emphasize the fact that Bob stayed out past his curfew.

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1) Sue never did her homework. Sue got a B in the class.
Minimize that Sue never did her homework.

2) Jason stole a CD from the music store. Jason brought the CD back to the store.
Emphasize that Jason stole the CD.

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4) Lance made fun of Max every day before school. Lance always apologized later.
Minimize that Lance always apologized.

5) Ashleigh planned to beat up Sandy on the way home from school. Ashleigh did not follow through.
Emphasize that Ashleigh planned to beat up Sandy.

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Name: ** Teacher Key **



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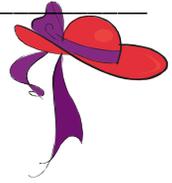
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Emphasize that Jason stole the CD:

Any appropriate subordinating conjunction is acceptable.

Although Jason brought it back, he stole a CD from the music store.

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Emphasize that Mazy did not do her chores very well:

While Mary did her chores every night, she did not do them very well.

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Minimize that Lance always apologized:

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Minimize that DJ never cleaned up after himself:

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