



Pay Attention To Your Emphasis

Communication is one of the most important parts of any relationship. How we say what we say can make all the difference. Read carefully the following sentences and listen to what happens when different words are emphasized.

I didn't say she stole the money.

I *didn't* say she stole the money.

I didn't *say* she stole the money.

I didn't say *she* stole the money.

I didn't say she *stole* the money.

I didn't say she stole the *money*.

In our relationships with people, a little thought given to how we speak or write may determine whether that relationship is friendly and easygoing or filled with tension and resentment. Pay attention to your emphasis.