Stress, intonation and pause

The vocal elements refer to how the presenter uses his/her voice such as the tone, stress, pitch, intonation etc. Test yourself to see if you understand the following terms by completing the quiz that follows: intonation, stress and pause.

Quiz- (Multiple Choice questions)

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Solutions

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