Start with a simple phrase. Ask students to change meaning by changing the Life in their voices.

For example: Don’t do that to your brother.

Add anger: **Don’t do that to your brother!!!**

Add Life to the last word only: Don’t do that to your ***brother*.** (Now it means I should have done it to my sister!)

Add Life to the third word: Don’t do ***that*** to your brother. (Oh, I was supposed to have done something else to him!)

Add Life to the fifth word: Don’t do that to ***your*** brother. (Ah, I was supposed to do that to *her* brother, not mine!)

Students begin to see how important Life is to speaking. We generally don’t use Life to change meaning but rather to make talks more interesting. For example:

 Each year, 40 million acres of rain forest are destroyed.

This is more impactful if Life is added:

 Each year, ***40 million acres*** of rain forest are destroyed.