**Empathise or Emphasise?**

**Emphasise** (“Empf-fa-size”)

To add **emphasis** to something. If you em**pha**sise something you make it stand out.

**Synonyms for Emphasise:** Highlight, stress, accentuate.

You might **emphasise** a key word by changing its colour.

You might **emphasise** your favourite facial feature by having your hair cut in a certain style.

 “I like your hair. It emphasises your smile.”

**Empathise**  (“Em-pa-thighs”)

**To have empathy. To relate to or understand the feelings of others**.

The ending is similar to sympathise. Empathising means you have been through a similar ordeal / can put yourself ‘in their shoes’. Having a deep understanding means you are em**path**ising.

Year 12 empathise with Year 11 as they remember GCSE pressure.

**Task 1**

**Read this aloud:**

**The teacher emphasised the importance of empathising with others.**

**Task 2**

**Right-click on emphasised then empathising. Replace with synonyms of your choice to help you remember the difference.**

**Task 3**

**Write your own sentences with emphasise or empathise.**

**Remember…**

* **Emphasise**: The ‘ph’ sound can be emphasised when said aloud. The ending sounds like ‘size’ – something that could emphasise your point.
* **Em**path**ise:** The word ‘path’ is within it. If you have followed the same path as somebody you would empathise with them.

Extension: Share your own memory techniques with the class. Could you relate the *ph* to emphasis in Science?