



WORD STRESS in ENGLISH



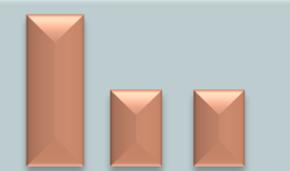
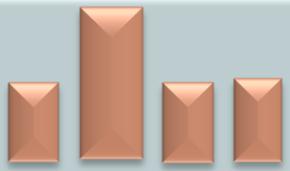
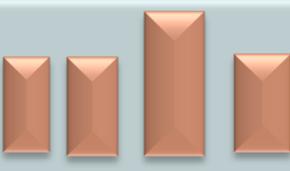
How do you say these words?

 **PHOTOGRAPH**

 **PHOTOGRAPHER**

 **PHOTOGRAPHIC**

They do not sound the same!

Word	Stress	Total syllables	Stressed syllable
<u>PHO</u> TO GRAPH		3	#1
PHO <u>TO</u> GRAPH ER		4	#2
PHO TO <u>GRAPH</u> IC		4	#3

What is Word Stress?

∞ A word stress means a prominent syllable

word	pattern
tea.cher	● .
beau.ti.ful	● . .
un.der.stand	. . ●
con.ti.nue	. ● .

Basics of Word Stress

- ∞ There are two basic things to keep in mind that will help you determine how to stress a word:
1. **One word, one stress:** One word cannot have two stresses.
 2. **The stress is always on a vowel:** Consonants are never stressed.

How to pronounce word stress?

- When a syllable is stressed, it is pronounced
 - ☞ longer in duration
 - ☞ higher in pitch
 - ☞ louder in volume
- Unstressed syllables are weak or small

How do you say *teacher*?

Longer	teeeeeeeeeeeeeee cher	
Higher	tea	
		cher
Louder	TEA cher	
All three combined	TEEEEEEEEEEEEE E	
		cher

Word Stress Rules

Word type		Where is the stress?	Examples
Two syllables	Nouns	on the first syllable	center object flower
	Verbs	on the last syllable	release admit arrange

Word Stress Rules

Compound words	Nouns	on the first part	desk top pencil case book shelf green house
	Adjectives	on the last part (the verb part)	well- meant hard- headed old- fashioned
	Verbs		under stand over look outper form

Word type		Where is the stress?	Examples
Phrasal Verbs		on the particle	turn off buckle up
Word With Added ending	-ic	the syllable before the ending	econ o mical electr ic al
	-tion, -cian, -sion		Techn i cian gradu a tion
	-phy, -gy, -try, -cy, -fy, -al	the third from the last syllable	bi o logy ge o metry
	-meter		Para m eter Therm o meter

Homographs

Noun	Verb
CONflict	conFLICT
DEfect	DeFECT
EXport	exPORT
EXtract	exTRACT
PERmit	perMIT
PROtest	proTEST
REcord	reCORD



PRACTICE TIME



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