



# WORD STRESS in ENGLISH



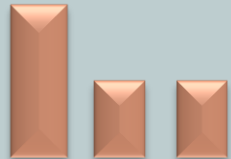
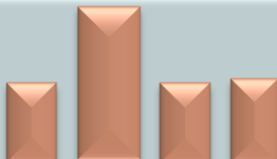
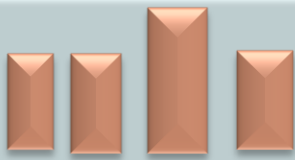
# How do you say these words?

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# They do not sound the same!

Word	Stress	Total syllables	Stressed syllable
<b><u>PHO</u> TO GRAPH</b>		3	#1
<b>PHO <u>TO</u> GRAPH ER</b>		4	#2
<b>PHO TO <u>GRAPH</u> IC</b>		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	<b>TEA</b> cher	
All three combined	<b>TEEEEEEEEEEEEE E</b>	
		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	desktop pencil case bookshelf greenhouse
	Adjectives	on the last part (the verb part)	well-meant hard-headed old-fashioned
	Verbs		understand overlook outperform

Word type		Where is the stress?	Examples
Phrasal Verbs		on the particle	turn <b>off</b> buckle <b>up</b>
Word With Added ending	-ic	the syllable before the ending	econ <b>o</b> mics elect <b>r</b> ical
	-tion, -cian, -sion		Tech <b>n</b> ician gradu <b>a</b> tion
	-phy, -gy, -try, -cy, -fy, -al	the third from the last syllable	bi <b>o</b> logy ge <b>o</b> metry
	-meter		Para <b>m</b> eter Therm <b>o</b> meter

# Homographs

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