

2.2. Stress-carrying suffixes:

The suffixes which attract the primary stress placement to the final syllable, they are also called stress-attracting suffixes, the most common ones are:

Rule: English words ending in -ade, -aire, ee, eer, ese, -ette, esque, eur, ique, oo, oon; the stress will be on the last/final syllable -ULT STRESS- or it may fall on the suffix.

Suffixes	Examples
-ade	Persuade /pə'sweɪd/, Dissuade/dɪ'sweɪd/
-aire	Questionnaire /,kwɛstʃə'neə/, Millionaire /,mɪljəə'neə/
-eur	Amateur /,æmə'tɜ:/, Entrepreneur /,ɒntrəprə'nɜ:/, Saboteur /,sæbə'tɜ:/, Raconteur /,rækon'tɜ:(r)/
-ee	Absentee /,æbsən'ti:/, Interviewee /,ɪntəvju:'i:/, Referee /,refə'ri:/, Employee /ɪm'plɔɪi:/
-eer	Engineer/,endʒɪ'nɪə/, Volunteer /,vɒlən'tɪə/, Pioneer /,paɪə'nɪə(r)/
-ese	Vietnamese /,vɪetnə'mi:z/, Portuguese /,pɔ:tʃə'gi:z, -tʃʊ-/
-ette	Silhouette /,sɪlu'et/, Marionette /,mæriə'net/, Launderette /,lə:ndə'ret/
-esque	Romanesque/,rəʊmə'nesk/, Picturesque /,pɪktʃə'resk/, Arabesque /,ærə'besk/
-ique	Critique /kri'ti:k/, Technique /tek'ni:k/, Unique /ju'ni:k/
-oo	Kangaroo /,kæŋgə'ru:/, Shampoo /ʃæm'pu:/, Waterloo /,wɔ:tə'lu:/
-oon	Typhoon /taɪ'fu:n/, Balloon /bə'lu:n/

Exceptions: Igloo /'ɪɡlu:/, Cuckoo /'kʊku:/, Decade /'dekeɪd/, Comrade /'kɒmreɪd/, Coffee /'kɒfi/, Committee /kə'mɪti/.

2.3. Stress-shifting suffixes: The affixation of the suffix causes a change of the primary stress from one syllable of the stem to another one, but the stress remains in the stem, it often moves immediately to the syllable before the suffix or the one before it. Therefore, the stress falls on one of the stem syllables before the suffix added to the stem.

2.3.1. Stress on the Penultimate syllable: (Penultimate syllable = second syllable from the end)

2.3.1.1. Stress-shifting suffixes causing PENULT STRESS:

Rule: English words ending in -ic, -sion, and -tion; the stress will be on the second syllable from the end – PENULT STRESS– so on the syllable just before the suffix.

Suffix-ending	Examples for Transcription
-ic	Athletic /æθ'letɪk/, Economic /,i:kə'nɒmɪk/, Graphic/'græfɪk/, Geographic /,dʒɪə'græfɪk/, Philosophic/'fɪlə'sɒfɪk/, Psychologic /,saɪkə'lɒdʒɪk/, Specific /spə'sɪfɪk/, Scientific /,saɪə'n'tɪfɪk/, Syntactic /sɪn'tæktɪk/, Semiotics /,semi'ɒtɪks/, Theoretic /θɪə'retɪk/, Linguistics /lɪŋ'gwɪstɪks/, Phonetics /fə'netɪks/.
-sion	Television /telɪ'vɪʒn/, Revision /rɪ'vɪʒn/, Elision /ɪ'lɪʒn/, Erosion /ɪ'rəʊʒn/
-tion	Relation /rɪ'leɪʃn/, Association /ə,səʊsɪ'eɪʃn/, participation /pɑ:ˌtɪsɪ'peɪʃn/

Most common exceptions: Arabic/'ærəbɪk/, Arithmetic/ə'rɪθmətɪk/, Arsenic/'ɑ:sənɪk/, Heretic/'herɪtɪk/, Catholic/'kæθəlɪk/, Lunatic /'lu:nətɪk/, Politic/'pɒlɪtɪk/, Rhetoric /'retərɪk/.

2.3.1.2. Stress on the 2nd from the end: PENULT STRESS

The “LION” rule, English words ending in letter **L**, letter **E** or letter **U** followed by any number of vowels (**V n°**), optionally followed by any number of consonants (**C n°**) and optionally by silent letter **e**, stress the will be on the penult syllable; **2nd** syllable from the end.

a) Suffixes beginning with: letter *i* + V n° + (C n°) + (Silent e)

-ion	Generation /ˌdʒenə'reɪʃn/, Investigation	Constitution /ˌkɒnstɪ'tju:ʃn/
-ia	Columbia /kə'lʌmbɪə/, Media /'mi:diə/	Cafeteria /ˌkæfə'tɪəriə/
-ial	Industrial /ɪn'dʌstriəl/, Serial /'sɪriəl/	Residential /ˌrezɪ'denʃəl/
-ian	Historian /hɪ'stɔ:riən/, Algerian /æ'l'dʒɪəriən/	Librarian /laɪ'breəriən/
-iance	Luxuriance /lʌg'zʊəriəns/	Insouciance /ɪn'su:siəns/
-iar	Familiar /fə'mɪliə/	Peculiar /pi'kju:liə/
-ience	Experience /ɪk'spiəriəns/	Impatience /'ɪmpeɪʃəns/
-ient	Proficient /prə'fɪʃənt/, ancient /'eɪnʃənt/	Sufficient //sə'fɪʃənt/
-ious	Ambitious /æm'bɪʃəs/, cautious /'kɔ:ʃəs/	Superstitious /ˌsu:pə'stɪʃəs/
-ior	Inferior /ɪn'fɪəriə/, Senior /'si:niəriə/	Superior /su:'piəriə, /sju:'piəriə/
-iom / -iot	Idiom /'ɪdiəm/	Idiot /'ɪdiət/
-ium	Gymnasium /dʒɪm'neɪziəm/; Aluminium /ˌælʊ'mɪniəm/, Aquarium /ə'kwɛəriəm/	Museum /mju:'zi:əm/, Medium /'mi:diəm/, Uranium /jʊ'reɪniəm/

b) Suffixes beginning with: letter *e* + V n° + (C n°) + (Silent e)

-ea	Area /'eəriə/	Guinea /'ɡɪni/
-eal	Cereal /'sɪəriəl/, Lineal /'li:niəl/	Laryngeal /lə'rɪndʒiəl/
-ear	Linear /'li:niəri (r)/	
-ean	Mediterranean /ˌmedɪtə'reɪniən/	Chilean /'tʃɪliən/; European /ˌjʊərə'pi:ən/; Korean /kə'ri:ən/.
-eous	Courageous /kə'reɪdʒəs/	Simultaneous /ˌsɪməl'teɪniəs/

Common Exceptions: Idea /aɪ'diə/; Ideal /aɪ'diəl/; ordeal /ɔ:'di:l/.

c) Suffixes beginning with: letter *u* + V n° + (C n°) + (Silent e)

-ual	Habitual /hə'bitʃuəl/	Perpetual /pə'petʃuəl/
-uar	Jaguar /'dʒæɡjʊə(r)/	
-uous	Superfluous /su:'pɜ:fluəs/	Ambiguous /æm'bɪɡjuəs/

2.3.1.3. The verbal suffix -ish: PENULT STRESS

This is a stress-shifting suffix found only in **verbs** (we can find the suffix -ish with adjective, but it is a neutral suffix like in: Child – Childish /'tʃaɪldɪʃ/).

Rule: English **verbs** ending in -ish carry the stress on the penult syllable, before this suffix.

E.g: Banish /'bæniʃ/, Nourish /'nʌriʃ/, Polish /'pɒliʃ/, Cherish /'tʃeriʃ/, Publish /'pʌbliʃ/. Abolish /ə'bɒliʃ/, Distinguish /dɪ'stɪŋɡwɪʃ/, Demolish /dɪ'mɒliʃ/, Establish /ɪ'stæbliʃ/, Fetish /'fetɪʃ/

Exception: The only one exception to this rule is the verb 'impoverish' /ɪm'pɒvəriʃ/ which is stressed on the 3rd syllable instead of the 2nd one from the end.

2.3.2. Stress on the ante-penultimate syllable: (ante-penultimate = third from the end)

Rule : English words ending in **-acy**, **-al**, **-ity**, **-ety**, **-itude** and ending in **-try**; the stress will be on the third syllable from the end –ANTEPENULT STRESS–.

Examples:

-acy	Aristocracy /,æri'stɒkrəsi/, Democracy /Di'mɒk.Rə.Si /, Pharmacy /'fɑ:məsi/, Prophecy /'prɒfəsi/, Supremacy /Su:'preməsi/.
-al	Critical /'krɪtɪkəl/, Geological /,dʒiə'lɒdʒɪkəl/, Environmental /ɪn,vairən'mentl/, Political /Pə'lɪtɪkl/.
-ity, -ety	Ambiguity /,æmbɪ'gju:əti/, Creativity /,kri:er'tɪvəti/, Humanity /Hju:'mænəti/, Credibility /,kredɪ'bɪləti/, Dependability /Di'pendɪ'bɪləti/, Necessity /Nə'sesɪti/, Opportunity /,ɒpə'tju:nəti/, University /,ju:nɪ'vɜ:sɪti/.
-itude	Attitude /'ætɪtju:d/, Aptitude /'æptɪtju:d/, Gratitude /'grætɪtju:d/, Latitude /'lætɪtju:d/.
-try	Geometry /Dʒi'ɒmətri/, Infantry /'ɪnfəntri/, Poetry /'pəʊətri/, Peasantry /'pezntri/.

2.4.2. Stress on the ante-penultimate syllable:

Rule: English words ending in **-graphy**, **-logy**, and **-meter**, will receive the primary stress on the antepenultimate syllable (3rd syllable from the end).

Examples:

-graphy	Bibliography /,bɪbli'ɒgrəfi/, Demography /Di'mɒg.Rə.Fi/, Geology /dʒi'ɒlədʒi/, Geography /Dʒi'ɒgrəfi/, Orthography /ɔ:'θɒgrəfi/, Photography /fə'tɒgrəfi/.
-logy	Apology /ə'pɒlədʒi/, Archeology /,ɑ:ki'ɒlədʒi/, Anthology /æn'θɒlədʒi/, Geology /dʒi'ɒlədʒi/, Methodology /,meθə'dɒlədʒi/.
-meter	Barometer /bə'rɒmɪtə(r)/, Parameter /pə'ræmɪtə(r)/, Thermometer /θə'mɒmɪtə(r)/.

2.4.3. Verbal endings causing Antepenult stress:

Rule: English **verbs** of three syllable or more ending in **-ate**, **-ize (ise)** or **-fy**, will have the primary stress on the antepenultimate syllable (3rd from the end).

Examples:

-ate	Calculate /'kælkjuleɪt/, Discriminate /Di'skrɪmɪneɪt/, Evaluate /ɪ'væljueɪt/, Generate /'dʒenəreɪt/, Hibernate /'haɪbəneɪt/, Investigate /ɪn'vestɪgeɪt/, Legitimate /Lə'dʒɪtɪmeɪt/, Participate /Pɑ:'tɪsɪpeɪt/, Separate /'sepəreɪt/.
-ize (ise)	Analyse /'ænəlaɪz/, Civilize /'sɪvəlaɪz/, Democratize /Di'mɒkrətaɪz/, Organize /'ɔ:gənəɪz/, Paralyse /'pærəlaɪz/, Publicise /'pʌblɪsaɪz/, Utilise /'ju:tɪlaɪz/
-fy	Clarify /'klærəfaɪ/, Dignify /'dɪgnɪfaɪ/, Identify /Aɪ'dentɪfaɪ/, Electrify /ɪ'lektrɪfaɪ/, Exemplify /ɪg'zemplɪfaɪ/, Nullify /'nʌlɪfaɪ/, Purify /'pʊəɪfaɪ/, Qualify /'kwɒlɪfaɪ/, Signify /'sɪgnɪfaɪ/, Simplify /'sɪmplɪfaɪ/, Solidify /Sə'lɪdɪfaɪ/.