

PRACTICE: WORD STRESS

Activity one: Transcribe the following simple words phonemically and identify the primary stress placement.

Word	Noun/ adjective	Verb	Word	Noun/ adjective	Verb
Conduct	/ˈkɒndʌkt/	/kənˈdʌkt/	Perfect	/ˈpɜːfɪkt/	/pəˈfekt/
Contrast	/ˈkɒntrɑːst/	/kənˈtrɑːst/	Permit	/ˈpɜːmɪt/	/pəˈmɪt/
Convict	/ˈkɒnvɪkt/	/kənˈvɪkt/	Produce	/ˈprɒdjuːs/	/prəˈdjuːs/
Desert	/ˈdezət/	/dɪˈzɜːt/	Progress	/ˈprɒʊgres/	/prəˈgres/
Export	/ˈeksɜːt/	/ɪkˈspɜːt/	Record	/ˈrekɔːd/	/rɪˈkɔːd/

Activity two: Transcribe the following complex words phonemically and identify the primary stress placement.

WORD	TRANSCRIPTION & STRESS	SUFFIX TYPE	WORD	TRANSCRIPTION & STRESS	SUFFIX TYPE
<u>Pronunciation</u>	/ˌprɒˌnʌnsiˈeɪʃn/	Shifting – 2 nd end	<u>Volunteering</u>	/ˌvɒlənˈtɪəriŋ- tɪəriŋ/	Neutral suffix
<u>Fabricate</u>	/ˈfæbrɪkeɪt/	Shifting – 3 rd end	<u>Workaholic</u>	/ˌwɜːkəˈhɒlɪk/	Shifting – 2 nd end
<u>Photographic</u>	/ˌfəʊtəˈgræfɪk/	Shifting – 2 nd end	<u>Evolution</u>	/iː-ˌevəˈluːʃn/	Shifting – 2 nd end
<u>Capitalistic</u>	/ˌkæpɪtəˈlɪstɪk/	Shifting – 2 nd end	<u>Personality</u>	/ˌpɜːsəˈnæləti/	Shifting – 3 rd end
<u>Cigarette</u>	/ˌsɪgəˈret/	Carrying suffix	<u>Guarantee</u>	/ˌgærənˈtiː/	Carrying suffix
<u>Typography</u>	/ˌtaɪˌpɒgrəfi/	Shifting – 3 rd end	<u>Interior</u>	/ɪnˈtɪəriə(r)//ɪnˈtɪəriə/	Shifting – 2 nd end
<u>Contagious</u>	/kənˈteɪdʒəs/	Shifting – 2 nd end	<u>Impersonate</u>	/ɪmˈpɜːsəneɪt/	Shifting – 3 rd end
<u>Refugee</u>	/ˌrefjuˈdʒiː/	Carrying suffix	<u>Possible</u>	/ˈpɒsəbl/	Neutral suffix
<u>Greatness</u>	/ˈgreɪtnəs/	Neutral suffix	<u>Cantonese</u>	/ˌkæntəˈniːz/	Carrying suffix
<u>Customize</u>	/ˈkʌstəmaɪz/	Shifting – 3 rd end	<u>Entertainment</u>	/ˌentəˈteɪnmənt/	Neutral suffix

Activity three: Transcribe the following compound words and identify the primary stress placement.

Word	Function	Transcription & stress	Word	Function	Transcription & stress
Second-hand	Adjective	/ˌsekəndˈhænd/	Upgrade	Verb	/ˌʌpˈɡreɪd/
Post office	Noun	/ˈpəʊst ɒfɪs/	Washing machine	Noun	/ˈwɒʃɪŋ məʃiːn/
Overreact	Verb	/ˌəʊvəriˈækt/	Well behaved	Adjective	/ˌwel bɪˈheɪvd/
Color-blind	Adjective	/ˈkʌlə blaɪnd/	Breakthrough	Noun	/ˈbreɪkθruː/
Bedroom	Noun	/ˈbedruːm/	Long-lasting	Adjective	/ˌlɒŋ ˈlɑːstɪŋ/