

# FOLLOW UP OF WORD STRESS

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1. Two syllable simple adjectives, adverbs and prepositions
2. Three-syllable simple words (nouns, adjectives and adverbs)

# Two-syllable simple adjectives

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divine

hollow

Correct

aloud

alive

narrow

splendid

alone

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- Can you transcribe these adjectives?

Honest

perfect

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\* Two-syllable simple adjectives, adverbs and prepositions are stressed like verbs

# Two-syllable simple nouns

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- Can you transcribe these nouns?

money

design

product

# RULE

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If the second syllable contains a short vowel, the stress falls on the first syllable. Otherwise, the stress usually falls on the second syllable

# Transcribe the following

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taboo

dozen

estate

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- Other two-syllable words such as adverbs and prepositions seem to behave like verbs & adjectives.
  - Transcribe the following and justify stress placement.

almost /        /, apart/        /, inside/        /,  
above/        /, along/        /, around



# Three-syllable simple words

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Three-syllable simple nouns

Transcribe the following words

- Disaster
- Potato
- Camera
- intellect

# RULE

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- if the final syllable contains a short vowel or the diphthong / əʊ /, it will be unstressed.
- If the syllable preceding the final syllable contains a long vowel, a diphthong or more than one consonant, the central syllable will receive the stress (that is, the 2nd one).

# Can you transcribe these nouns?

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- Cinema
- Quantity
- Synonym
- character

# RULE

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If the final syllable contains a short vowel and the second one contains a short vowel and ends with no more than one consonant, the first syllable will receive the stress.

# Can you transcribe these nouns?

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- Interview
- Subsitute
- continent

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**Exception:** Most of the rules mentioned before show stress on the syllable containing a long vowel, a diphthong, or ending with more than one consonant. However, sometimes even if the final syllable fulfills the previous conditions, the stress can fall on the 1st syllable

# Three-syllable simple adjectives

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- Can you transcribe this adjective?

Opportune

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- Three-syllable simple adjectives are stressed like nouns.
  - Do you remember rules governing three-syllable simple nouns?



Identify the category of each word,  
transcribe it and justify stress placement.

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cathedral

accident

tomato

tomorrow

opportune

tobacco

mimosa

embargo

# Three-syllable simple verbs

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■ *intervene*/ /, *introduce*/ /,  
*entertain*/ /, *resurrect* / /

Can you deduce the rule governing stress placement in these verbs?

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- **Rule:** If the final syllable (3rd one) contains a long vowel, a diphthong or ends with more than one consonant the stress falls on that syllable (the 3rd syllable).

# Can you transcribe these verbs?

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*encounter*

*acknowledge*

*establish*

*remember*

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- Rule: The 2nd syllable is stressed if the 3rd syllable contains a short vowel and ends with no more than one consonant (that is, only 1 consonant or none).

# MORE PRACTICE

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- Abandon
- Develop
- Deliver
- Imagine
- Determine
- Interrupt
- Encourage
- Understand