



Word Stress Interactive Worksheet

In order to complete this worksheet, you should watch the series of pronunciation videos about word stress in English. You should complete this worksheet at the same time as watching the videos.

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Video: One-Syllable Words

EXERCISE A: Is the following sentence true or false? Select the correct option.

Words with only one syllable do not have word stress

TRUE

FALSE



Video: Two-Syllable Words

EXERCISE B: Draw stress bubbles on the following words to show where the correct word stress is. Then write the rule that explains this in the space provided.

BOTTLE

HAPPY

Rule:

EXERCISE C: Which of the following words are exceptions to the word stress rule for two-syllable nouns and adjectives? Highlight them.

Hotel

Lagoon

Picture

Extreme

Folder

EXERCISE D: Draw stress bubbles on the following words to show where the correct word stress is. Then write the rule that explains this in the space provided.

BEGIN

ABOVE

Rule:

EXERCISE E: Draw stress bubbles on the following words to show where the correct word stress is. Then write the rule that explains this in the space provided.

LISTEN

FASTER

Rule:



Video: Three-Syllable Words

EXERCISE F: Draw stress bubbles on the following words to show where the correct word stress is. Then write the rule that explains this in the space provided.

MANAGER

QUIETLY

Rule:



Video: Suffixes

EXERCISE G: Match the suffixes to the correct stress patterns. Draw lines connecting a blue box to an orange box.

Suffixes: ABLE, CIAN, ERY, IAL,
IAN, IBLE, IC/S, IENT, ION, IOUS,
ISH, OSIS, SION, TION

Stress the third from end
syllable

Suffixes: ADE, EE, EER, ESE,
ETTE, QUE, OON

Stress the penultimate syllable

Suffixes: AL, CY, GY, PHY, TY

Stress the suffix, the last
syllable



Video: Compound Words

EXERCISE H: Draw stress bubbles on the following word to show where the correct word stress is. Then write the rule that explains this in the space provided.

HAIRBRUSH

Rule:

EXERCISE I: Draw stress bubbles on the following words to show where the correct word stress is. Then write the rule that explains this in the space provided.

DRY-CLEANING

PASSER-BY

Rule:

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Video: Common Mistakes

EXERCISE J: Draw stress bubbles on the word “present” in the following two sentences.

THANK YOU FOR MY BIRTHDAY PRESENT

I’M GOING TO PRESENT MY IDEA TO YOU

EXERCISE K: Draw stress bubbles on the following words to show where the correct word stress is.

PHOTO

PHOTOGRAPHER

PHOTOGRAPHIC

EXERCISE L: Is the following sentence true or false? Select the correct option.

The word stress changes in a word when we add a prefix to it

TRUE

FALSE



Video: British and American English

EXERCISE M: Select the correct option in the sentences below.

- ☞ When saying words of a French origin, British English speakers stress the **first syllable / last syllable**.
- ☞ When saying words of a French origin, American English speakers stress the **first syllable / last syllable**.

EXERCISE N: Select the correct option in the sentences below.

- ☞ When saying words ending in the suffix ATE, British English speakers stress the **first syllable / last syllable**.
- ☞ When saying words ending in the suffix ATE, American English speakers stress the **first syllable / last syllable**.

EXERCISE O: Draw stress bubbles on the following word as a British English speaker (on the left) and as an American English speaker (on the right).

ALUMINIUM

(British)

ALUMINIUM

(American)

EXERCISE P: Draw stress bubbles on the following word as a British English speaker (on the left) and as an American English speaker (on the right).

CARIBBEAN

(British)

CARIBBEAN

(American)

EXERCISE Q: Draw stress bubbles on the following word as a British English speaker (on the left) and as an American English speaker (on the right).

OREGANO

(British)

OREGANO

(American)