



Pronunciation Word Stress

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A. Pronunciation & listening skills: Stress patterns (2 syllable)



  Stress patterns are very important for the listener. The loud (stressed) syllable helps the listener identify the word in running speech. Follow all the words that have the **large-small** stress pattern. Then listen and practice the pronunciation of the words in the answers. You may need to check <http://dictionary.cambridge.org> for help. IPA writes large stress as ' and small stress as . so it looks like /'rɪə.li/ for really, and /'zɪə.rəʊ/ for zero.

Start ● ● (big-small)

really	again	litre	engine	city
zero	treat	power	besides	Mazda
Europe	machine	going	before	harbour
hundred	second	pretty	idea	table
Korean	once	free	yourself	menu
restaurant	reserve	beautiful	prefer	getting
tonight	computer	order	homework	buddy
movie	place	morning	regard	actual
between	peninsula	email	blush	evening
cowboy	table	happen	boring	final

Finish

B. Pronunciation & listening skills: Stress patterns (3 syllables)

  Stress patterns are very important for the listener. The loud (stressed) syllable helps the listener identify the word in running speech. Follow all the words that have the **big-small-small** stress pattern; there may be more than one exit. Then listen and practice the pronunciation of the words in the answers. You may need to check <http://dictionary.cambridge.org> for help. IPA writes big stress as ' and small stress as . so it looks like /'sæ.tə.deɪ/ for Saturday, and /'æk.tʃu.əl/ for actual.

Start ● ● ● (big-small-small)

Saturday	Europe	Menu	between	Peninsula	Between							
Actual	zero	language	Homework	Together	Conversation							
beautiful	fantasy	possible	Lecturer	banana	sometimes							
besides	again	tomorrow	Meditate	promise	Police							
Wombat	Overtime	Evening	telephone	Australia	Teachers							
England	Accident	answer	homework	unhappy	television							
produce	Everything	America	hospital	aeroplane	Cinema							
Certainly	Excellent	hamburger	recognise	pronounce	Photograph							
Microwave	headache	toilet	normal	Terrifying	Holiday							
broccoli	studying	equation	stress	Andrew	regular							
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Finish

C. Pronunciation & listening skills: Stress patterns (Stressed syllable review)

1. Review the maze in unit 14 especially the pronunciation of words with the big-small-small pattern.
2. With a partner, test each other. Person A says a word in the maze, and person B says the pattern as “big-small”, or “small-big”, or “big-small-small”, etc without looking in the book.

Big-small ● ● ●	Small-big ● ●	Other
Saturday /'sæ.tə.deɪ/ Actual, beautiful, fantasy, possible, lecturer, meditate, literal, evening, overtime, accident, everything, excellent, certainly, microwave, broccoli, studying, hamburger, yesterday, telephone, recognise, hospital, aeroplane, cinema, photograph, holiday, regular	Again, besides, machine, before, idea, yourself, tonight, prefer, regard, between, coupé, until, decide, reserve, alright, herself. Big-small ● ● Zero, Europe, hundred, pretty, going, litre, engine, Mazda, harbour, table, buddy, homework, order, morning, happen, boring, final, cowboy, table, welcome.	Free /fri:/ ● Blush /blʌʃ/ ● Teachers /'ti:tʃəz/ ● ● Peninsula ● ● ● ● Photography ● ● ● ● Small-big-small ● ● ● Together, computer, tomorrow, banana

Answers

A. Stress patterns (2 syllable)

Really, zero, Europe, hundred, second, pretty, going, power, litre, engine, city, Mazda, harbour, table, menu, getting, buddy, homework, order, morning, email, happen, boring, final, finish.

B. Stress patterns (3 syllables)

Saturday, actual, beautiful, fantasy, possible, lecturer, meditate, telephone, evening, overtime, accident, everything, excellent...	certainly, microwave, broccoli – A
	Studying – B
	hamburger, recognise, hospital, aeroplane, cinema, photograph, holiday, regular – F

IPA Key

IPA is the alphabet used to describe the pronunciation of words. IPA stands for the International Phonetics Association. IPA is the most common system used in dictionaries around the world.

Vowels (Monophthongs)

1. <u>Feel</u>	2. <u>Fit</u>	3. <u>Book</u>	4. <u>Boot</u>
i:	ɪ	ʊ	u:
5. <u>Bed</u>	6. <u>Mother</u>	7. <u>Learn</u>	8. <u>For</u>
e	ə	ə: / ɜ:	ɔ:
9. <u>Cat</u>	10. <u>Pup</u>	11. <u>Far</u>	12. <u>Dog</u>
æ	ʌ	ɑ:	ɒ

: long sound

Vowels (Diphthongs)

13. <u>Dear</u>	14. <u>Pain</u>	
ɪə	eɪ	
15. <u>Pure</u>	16. <u>Toys</u>	17. <u>Home</u>
ʊə	ɔɪ	əʊ (UK) / oʊ (US)
18. <u>There</u>	19. <u>My</u>	20. <u>House</u>
eə	aɪ	aʊ

^ˈ stressed syllable / ^ˌ unstressed syllable. Eg: /'brʌ.ðə/ (brother)

Consonants

21. <u>Pot</u>	22. <u>Blue</u>	23. <u>Two</u>	24. <u>Dog</u>
p	b	t	d
25. <u>Church</u>	26. <u>Judge</u>	27. <u>Kick</u>	28. <u>Great</u>
tʃ	dʒ	k	g
29. <u>Fifteen</u>	30. <u>Very</u>	31. <u>Thin</u>	32. <u>That</u>
f	v	θ	ð
33. <u>Six</u>	34. <u>Zoo</u>	35. <u>Shape</u>	36. <u>Television</u>
s	z	ʃ	ʒ
37. <u>Money</u>	38. <u>Nut</u>	39. <u>Hotel</u>	40. <u>Sing</u>
m	n	h	ŋ
41. <u>Light</u>	42. <u>Red</u>	43. <u>When</u>	44. <u>Yellow</u>
l	r	w	j

■ unvoiced / □ voiced