

Word Stress Placement Exercise

1. Make sure that you studied how certain suffixes influence the placement of primary stress. (Check information or handouts your teacher might have given you or visit www.WordStress.info > Word Stress Rules > Suffixes and Their Stress Rules)
2. Can you highlight, underline, or circle the syllable that will receive the primary stress for each word of this list?
3. (Check your answers on page 2)

1. accessible	26. competitive	51. historical	76. potential
2. accomplish	27. conclusion	52. homogeneous	77. precious
3. accuracy	28. courageous	53. horrible	78. pregnancy
4. activity	29. courteous	54. impression	79. primitive
5. actual	30. criticize	55. likely	80. punish
6. actually	31. currency	56. likelihood	81. quality
7. advantageous	32. democracy	57. majority	82. radical
8. ambitious	33. discussion	58. material	83. realize
9. analogy	34. efficiency	59. maximize	84. recognize
10. apologize	35. emergency	60. meaning	85. regard
11. apology	36. emphasize	61. meaningless	86. regardless
12. authority	37. essential	62. methodology	87. responsibility
13. authorize	38. event	63. militia	88. security
14. aware	39. eventually	64. minimize	89. sensible
15. awareness	40. expression	65. musical	90. sensitive
16. bacteria	41. finance	66. nostalgia	91. session
17. bibliography	42. financial	67. occasion	92. shampoo
18. biography	43. flexible	68. official	93. social
19. biology	44. frequency	69. opportunity	94. sociology
20. brother	45. furnish	70. organize	95. special
21. brotherhood	46. geography	71. person	96. specialize
22. characterize	47. happiness	72. personal	97. summarize
23. cigarette	48. happy	73. philosophy	98. suspicious
24. classical	49. heterogeneous	74. photography	99. television
25. community	50. hideous	75. positive	

Answers

The stressed syllable is capitalized.

1. acCESSible	26. comPETitive	51. hisTORical	76. potENTial
2. acCOMplish	27. conCLUsion	52. homoGENeous	77. PREcious
3. acCUracy	28. couRAgeous	53. HORrible	78. PREgnancy
4. acTIvity	29. COURTeous	54. imPRESsion	79. PRImitive
5. ACTual	30. CRIticize	55. LIkely	80. PUnish
6. ACTually	31. CURrency	56. LIkelihood	81. QUALity
7. advanTAgeous	32. deMOcracy	57. maJORity	82. RADical
8. amBITious	33. disCUssion	58. maTERial	83. REalize
9. aNAlogy	34. effIciency	59. MAximize	84. REcognize
10. aPOlogize	35. eMERgency	60. MEAning	85. reGARD
11. aPOlogy	36. EMphasize	61. MEAningless	86. reGARDless
12. auTHOrity	37. esSENTial	62. methoDOlogy	87. responsiBility
13. AUthorize	38. eVENT	63. miLItia	88. seCUrity
14. aWARE	39. eVENTually	64. MIInimize	89. SENSible
15. aWAREness	40. exPRESsion	65. MUsical	90. SENSitive
16. bacTERia	41. fiNANce	66. nosTALgia	91. SESSion
17. bibliOgraphy	42. fiNANcial	67. ocCAsion	92. shampOO
18. biOgraphy	43. FLExible	68. offIcial	93. SOcial
19. biOlogy	44. FREquency	69. opporTUnity	94. sociOlogy
20. BROther	45. FURnish	70. Organize	95. SPEcial
21. BROtherhood	46. geOgraphy	71. PERson	96. SPEcialize
22. chaRACterize	47. HAppiness	72. PERsonal	97. SUMmarize
23. cigarETTE	48. HAppy	73. phiLOsophy	98. susPICious
24. CLASsical	49. heteroGENeous	74. phoTOgraphy	99. teleVIsion
25. comMUunity	50. HIDeous	75. POSitive	