Stress Pattern Changes with Noun and Verb Homographs

This document provides you a list of words that can be used both as nouns and verbs, but that will have a different stress pattern. For example:

I suspect that he will be late.	suspect = verb in this sentence	Stress pattern 01: susPECT /sə'spekt/	Sus PECT (verb)
In this investigation, our main suspect is a 25-year old man.	suspect = noun in this sentence	Stress pattern 10: SUSpect /'sʌs.pekt/	SUS pect (noun)

General Rule

Almost all of these noun/verb homographs have two syllables:

- Usually, such verbs will be stressed on the second syllable /01/
- Usually, such nouns will be stressed on the first syllable /10/

Why is it important?

If you don't use the right stress pattern, it will make it much harder for your listener to understand you. It can also help you understand differences in meaning (note that the definitions have been added to the list. In some cases, the definition of the verb and the noun are not related! Pay attention to those).

Definition	Pronunciation	Noun	Verb	Pronunciation	Definition
a few sentences that give the main ideas in an article or a scientific paper	/'æb·strækt/	ABstract	abstRACT	/æb'strækt/	consider (something) theoretically or separately from something else.
the way in which people in a particular area or country pronounce words	/'æk·sent/	ACcent	acCENT	/ækˈsent/	to give special emphasis to a syllable in a word or to a word in a sentence
 the specific place where a person, business, or organization can be found and where mail can be received a formal speech 	/ˈæd·res/	ADdress	adDRESS	/ əˈdres/	to speak or write to someone, or to direct information to someone
an extra building added to a larger building	/ˈæn.ɪks/	ANnex	anNEX	/æn'eks/	to take possession of an area of land or a country, usually by force or without permission
a country that has agreed to give help and support to another, esp. during a war, or a person who helps and supports someone else	/ˈæl·aɪ/	ALly	alLY	/əˈlɑɪ/	combine or unite a resource or commodity with (another) for mutual benefit
a quality or feature of a person or thing, esp. one that is an important part of its nature	/ˈæ·trəˌbjut/	ATtribute	atTRIBute	/əˈtrɪb·jət/	to say or think that something is the result or work of something or someone else
a fight	/'kam·bæt/	COMbat	comBAT	/kəmˈbæt/	to try to stop something unpleasant or harmful from happening or increasing
a mixture of two or more different parts or elements	/'kam·paond/	COMpound	comPOUND	/kam'paond/	to make something worse by increasing or adding to it
a thick, soft piece of cloth that is pressed to a part of a person's body esp. to help a healing process	/'kam·pres/	COMpress	comPRESS	/kəm'pres/	to press something into a smaller space
behavior	/ˈkan·dʌkt/	CONduct	conDUCT	/kənˈdʌkt/	 (DIRECT) to organize and direct a particular activity (BEHAVE) to cause yourself to behave in a particular or controlled manner (ALLOW THROUGH) to allow electricity or heat to flow through
an active disagreement, as between opposing opinions or needs	/ˈkɑn·flɪkt/	CONflict	conFLICT	/kənˈflɪkt/	to be in active disagreement, as between opposing opinions or needs
people who were drafted into the army	/ˈkɒn.skript/	CONscript	conSCRIPT	/kənˈskrɪpt/	to force someone by law to serve in one of the armed forces
a wife or husband, especially of a ruler	/ˈkɒn.sɔːt/	CONsort	conSORT	/kənˈsəːt/	to spend a lot of time in the company of a particular group of people, especially people whose character is not approved of
a legal document that states and explains a formal agreement between two different people or groups, or the agreement itself	/'kɒn.trækt/	CONtract	conTRACT	/kənˈtrækt/	 (SHORTER) to make or become shorter or narrower or generally smaller (BECOME ILL) to catch or become ill with a disease (AGREEMENT) to make a legal agreement with someone to do work or to have work done for you

an obvious difference between two or more things	/'kɒn.traːst/	CONtrast	conTRAST	/kənˈtrɑːst/	to compare two people or things in order to show the differences between them
the opposite	/ˈkɒn.vɜːs/	CONverse	conVERSE	/kənˈvɜːs/	to have a conversation with someone
someone who changes their beliefs, habits, or way of living	/'kɒn.vɜːt/	CONvert	conVERT	/kənˈvɜːt/	to (cause something or someone to) change in form or character
someone who is in prison because they are guilty of a crime	/ˈkɒn.vɪkt/	CONvict	conVICT	/kənˈvɪkt/	to decide officially in a law court that someone is guilty of a crime
a reduction	/'diː.kriːs/	DEcrease	deCREASE	/dɪˈkriːs/	to become less, or to make something become less
an area, often covered with sand or rocks, where there is very little rain and not many plants	/'dez.ət/	DEsert	deSERT	/dɪˈzɜ:t/	 (RUN AWAY) to leave the armed forces without permission and with no intention of returning (LEAVE BEHIND) to leave someone without help or in a difficult situation and not come back
a particular fact or item of information, often noticed only after giving something your close attention, or such facts or items considered as a group	/ 'di·teɪl/	DEtail	deTAIL	/dɪˈteɪl/	to give exact and complete information about something
 PERMISSION TO LEAVE) official permission to leave the armed forces, a prison, or a hospital (SUBSTANCE) the act of sending out waste liquid or gas (PERFORMANCE) the performance of duties or payment of money that is owed (FIRING GUN) the action of firing a gun 	/'dɪs.tʃɑːdʒ/	DIScharge	disCHARGE	/dıs'tʃa:dʒ/	 (ALLOW TO LEAVE) to allow someone officially to leave somewhere, especially a hospital or a law court (SEND OUT) to send out a substance, especially waste liquid or gas (PERFORM) to perform a task, especially an official one (FIRE GUN) to fire a gun, or to fire a shot from a gun
a usually rectangular paper container for a letter	/'en·və_loop/	ENvelope	enVELop	/ɪnˈvel·əp/	to cover or surround something completely
a person who goes with another person as a partner to a social event	/'es.kɔ:t/	EScort	esCORT	/ɪˈskɔːt/	to go with someone or a vehicle, especially to make certain that he, she, or it leaves or arrives safely
something unusual, brave, or funny that someone has done	/'ek.sploit/	EXploit	exPLOIT	/ıkˈspləɪt/	 (USE WELL) to use something for advantage (USE UNFAIRLY) to use someone or something unfairly for your own advantage
something sold and taken out of a country and into another Export is also the business of sending goods to another country in order to sell them there	/'ek·sport/	EXport	exPORT	/ek'sport/	to send goods to another country for sale or use
 (TEXT) a small part of a book or other piece of writing that is published separately (SUBSTANCE) a substance removed from another substance, often a food, and containing a basic quality or flavor 	/'ek·strækt/	EXtract	exTRACT	/ıkˈstrækt/	to remove or take out something
the management of money, or the money belonging to a person, group, or organization	/ˈfaɪ·næns/	Finance	fiNANCE	/faɪˈnæns/	to provide the money needed for something to happen
a small piece or a part, especially when broken from something whole	/ˈfræg.mənt/	FRAgment	fragMENT	/fræg'ment/	to break something into small parts or to be broken up in this way

a powerful effect that something, especially	/'ım.pækt/	IMpact	imPACT	/ım'pækt/	to have an influence on something
something new, has on a situation or person (BOOK) the name of a publisher as it appears on	/'ım.prınt/	IN/arint	imPRINT	/ım'prınt/	1. to mark a surface by pressing something hard into
a particular set of books	/	IMprint	IMPRINT		it
(MARK) an occasion when an object presses on					2. to fix an event or experience so firmly in the
something and leaves a mark					memory that it cannot be forgotten although you do
					not try to remember it
a rise in the amount or size of something	/'ın.kriːs/	INcrease	inCREASE	/ɪnˈkriːs/	to (make something) become larger in amount or size
something that is made to go inside or into something else	/'ɪn.sɜːt/	INsert	inSERT	/ɪnˈsɜːt/	to put something inside something else, or to add something, especially words, to something else
an offensive remark or action	/'ɪn.sʌlt/	INsult	inSULT	/ınˈsʌlt/	to say or do something to someone that is rude or offensive
the authority given to an elected group of people,	/'mæn.deɪt/	MANdate	manDATE	/'mæn.deɪt/	(GIVE PERMISSION) to give official permission
such as a government, to perform an action or					for something to happen
govern a country					(ORDER) to order someone to do something
a thing that you can see or touch but that is not	/'pb.dʒɪkt/	OBject	obJECT	/əb'dʒekt/	to feel or express opposition to or dislike of
usually a living animal, plant, or person	//	252		///	something or someone
an official document that allows you to do something or go somewhere	/'p3:.mɪt/	PERmit	perMIT	/pəˈmɪt/	(formal) to allow something
a person whose sexual behaviour is considered	/'p3-:.v3:rt/	PERvert	perVERT	/pəˈvɜːt/	to change something so that it is not what it was or
strange and unpleasant by most people					should be, or to influence someone in a harmful way
(GIFT) something that you are given, without asking for it, on a special occasion, especially to show friendship, or to say thank you (NOW) the period of time that is happening now, not the past or the future	/'prez.ənt/	PREsent	preSENT	/pri'zent/	to give, provide, or make something known
a series of actions that you take in order to	/'prəʊ.ses/	PROcess	proCESS		/'prəu.ses/ (DEAL WITH) to deal with documents in
achieve a result	1		• • • • • • •		an official way
					/prə'ses/ [I + adv/prep] formal to walk slowly
food or any other substance or material that is	/'prod.juːs/	PROduce	proDUCE	/prəˈdjuːs/	(MAKE) to make something or bring something into
grown or obtained through farming					existence
					(CAUSE) to cause a reaction or result
movement to an improved or more developed	/'prəʊ.gres/	PROgress	proGRESS	/prəˈgres/	to improve or develop in skills, knowledge, etc.
state, or to a forward position	, proo.gros	i nogress	prodicess	, hig area	
1. a piece of planned work or an activity that is	/'prpd3.ekt/	PROject	proJECT	/prəˈdʒekt/	(CALCULATE) to calculate an amount or number
finished over a period of time and intended to					expected in the future from information already
achieve a particular aim					known
2. a study of a particular subject done over a					(THROW) to throw or direct something forwards,
period of time, especially by students					with force
					(MAKE AN IMAGE) to cause a film, image, or
					light to appear on a screen or other surface (STICK OUT) to stick out over an edge or from a
					(STICK OUT) to suck out over all edge of from a

					surface
a strong complaint expressing disagreement, disapproval, or opposition	/'prəʊ.test/	PROtest	proTEST	/prəˈtest/	to show that you disagree with something by standing somewhere, shouting, carrying signs, etc.
violent and usually wild behaviour	/'ræm.peɪdʒ/	RAMpage	ramPAGE	/ræm'peɪdʒ/	to go through an area making a lot of noise and causing damage
a person who is opposed to the political system in their country and tries to change it using force, or a person who shows their disagreement with the ideas of people in authority or of society by behaving differently	/ˈreb.əl/	REBel	reBEL		 to fight against the government or to refuse to obey rules, etc. to react against a feeling, action, plan, etc.
a summary	/ˈriː.kæp/	REcap	reCAP	/ˈriː.kæp/ /ˌriːˈkæp/	to repeat the main points of an explanation or description
 the ability to remember things an occasion when someone orders the return of a person who belongs to an organization, or orders the return of products made by a company 	/rɪˈkɔːl/ /ˈriː.kɑːl/	REcall	reCALL	/rɪˈkɔːl/	to bring the memory of a past event into your mind, and often to give a description of what you remember
 a piece of information or a description of an event that is written on paper or stored on a computer the facts that are known about a person or a company and the actions they have done in the past 	/'rek.ɔ:d/	REcord	reCORD	/rɪˈkəːd/	 to store sounds or moving pictures using electronic equipment so that they can be heard or seen later to keep information for the future, by writing it down or storing it on a computer
(a container holding) an amount of some material needed to fill up again an object that has become empty	/ˈriː.fɪl/	REfill	reFILL	/ˈriː.fɪl/ /ˌriːˈfɪl/	to fill something again
an amount of money that is given back to you, especially because you are not happy with a product or service that you have bought	/'ri:.fʌnd/	REfund	reFUND	/ˌriːˈfʌnd/	to give someone a refund
unwanted waste material, especially material that is regularly thrown away from a house, factory, etc.	/'ref.juːs/	REfuse	refUSE	/rɪˈfjuːz/	to say that you will not do or accept something
a product that is damaged or not perfectly made a person who has not been accepted by an organization or by society	/'ri:.dʒekt/	REject	reJECT	/rɪˈdʒekt/	 to refuse to accept, use, or believe something or someone to not give someone the love and attention they want and are expecting from you
 (COMPETITION) a game, especially a football game, that is played again because neither side won the first time (RECORDING) a part of a game or sporting event that is recorded on video and is shown again, especially to examine what happened more closely 	/'ri:.pleı/	REplay	rePLAY	/ _. riː'pleı/	 (COMPETITION) to play a game again, especially a football game, because neither team won the first time (RECORDING) to play something again, especially music or film recorded already
(AREA OF DISCUSSION) the thing that is being discussed, considered, or studied	/ˈsʌb.dʒekt/	SUBject	subJECT	/səb'dʒekt/	to defeat people or a country and then control them against their wishes and limit their freedom

(AREA OF STUDY) an area of knowledge that					
is studied in school, college, or university					
(PERSON) a person who lives in or who has the					
right to live in a particular country, especially a					
country with a king or queen					
(QUESTIONS) an examination of opinions,	/'s3:.vei/	SURvey	surVEY	/səˈveɪ/	(QUESTIONS) to ask people questions in order to
behaviour, etc., made by asking people questions					find out about their opinions or behaviour (LOOK
(EXAMINING) the measuring and recording of details					AT) to look at or examine all of something, especially carefully:
details					to measure an area of land, and to record the details
					of it, especially on a map:
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a person believed to have committed a crime or	/'sʌs.pekt/	SUSpect	susPECT	/səˈspekt/	(THINK LIKELY) to think or believe something to
done something wrong, or something believed to	_			_	be true or probable
have caused something bad					(THINK GUILTY) to think that someone has
					committed a crime or done something wrong (DOUBT) to not trust; to doubt
great mental suffering and unhappiness, or great	/'tɔ:.ment/	TORment	torMENT	/tɔːˈment/	to cause a person or animal to suffer or worry
physical pain	/ (5	TOKINEIIU	CONVIENT	/10. 1110111/	to eause a person of annual to surfer of worry
(MOVE/CHANGE) the movement of something	/'træns.f3ːr/	TRANSfer	transFER	/træns'f3:r/	to move someone or something from one place,
or someone from one place, position, etc. to			TRANSfer	/ˈtræns.fɜ-ː/	vehicle, person, or group to another
another (TRAVEL TICKET) a ticket that allows a					
passenger to change routes or to change from one					
bus or train to another					
a medical operation in which a new organ is put	/træn'spla:nt/	transPLANT	transPLANT	/træn'spla:nt/	to move something, or to be moved, from one place
into someone's body	*				or person to another
the movement of people or goods from one place to another	/'træn.spo:t/	TRANSport	transPORT	/træn'spɔ:t/	to take goods or people from one place to another
(CHANGE) confusion and problems	/'np.set/	UPset	upSET	/ʌpˈset/	(WORRY) to make someone worried, unhappy, or
					angry
					(CHANGE) to change the usual or expected state or order of something, especially in a way that stops it
					from happening or working
					(MAKE SICK) to make someone feel slightly sick
Definition	Pronunciation	Adjective	Verb	Pronunciation	Definition
happening often	/ˈfriː.kwənt/	FREquent	freQUENT	/fri'kwent/	to be in or visit a particular place often
complete and correct in every way, of the best	/'ps:.fekt/			/pəˈfekt/	to make something free from faults
possible type or without fault	D	PERfect	perFECT	D	
Definition	Pronunciation	Adjective	Noun	Pronunciation	Definition
not true or acceptable, or not correctly thought	/ınˈvæl·ɪd/	inVAlid	INvalid	/ˈɪn·və·lɪd/	a person who is ill or injured for a long time and
out extremely small	/mai'nut/	miNUTE	MInute	/ˈmɪn·ət/	usually has to be cared for by others (TIME) 60 seconds = 1 minute
	1/m(11/m)t/				