

Word and Sentence Stress

Word Stress:

Stress is on the first syllable:

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| 1. <u>e</u> d u ca tor | 6. <u>per</u> son |
| 2. <u>hu</u> man | 7. <u>ed</u> u cate |
| 3. <u>sci</u> ence | 8. <u>sci</u> en tist |
| 4. <u>pho</u> to graph | 9. <u>com</u> pa ra ble |
| 5. <u>leg</u> is la tor | 10. <u>book</u> store |

Stress is on the second syllable:

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| 11. co <u>op</u> er ate | 16. e <u>lec</u> tric |
| 12. e <u>lec</u> tric | 17. pho <u>tog</u> ra phy |
| 13. phi <u>los</u> o phy | 18. Chi <u>nese</u> |
| 14. hu <u>mane</u> | 19. re <u>spond</u> |
| 15. a <u>pol</u> o gize | 20. com <u>pare</u> |

Stress is on the third syllable:

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| 21. sci en <u>tif</u> ic | 26. pho to <u>gen</u> ic |
| 22. ed u <u>ca</u> tion | 27. phil o <u>soph</u> i cal |
| 23. in for <u>ma</u> tion | 28. rep re <u>sent</u> |
| 24. Jap a <u>nese</u> | 29. ed u <u>ca</u> tion al |
| 25. per son <u>al</u> i ty | 30. ec o <u>nom</u> ics |

Stress is on the fourth syllable:

31. o rig i nal i ty
32. re spon si bil i ty
33. rep re sen ta tion
34. co op er a tion
35. i mag i na tion

Sentence Stress:

Directions: Say the sentence each time with the stress in different words for different meanings:

36. I love you very much.

- "I" not another person
- "love" not some other verb
- "you" not another person
- "a lot" not a little bit

37. English pronunciation is difficult.

- "English" not Spanish
- "Pronunciation" not grammar
- for sure
- "difficult" not easy

Resources for further stress practice:

- Software in the Language Learning Center
- AMLA 21 Accent Reduction (2 units – See current schedule of classes)

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