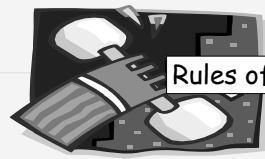




Rules of Stress

Once you know 1) how the letters sound and 2) how to divide words into syllables, you are ready to work on stressing the appropriate syllable.



Rules of Stress (cont.)

Always look at the end of a word for the clues for finding which syllable to stress.



Rules of Stress (cont.)

1. Stress the next to the last syllable if a word ends in n, s, or a vowel.

americano a-me-ri-ca-no
hablan ha-blan
muchachas mu-cha-chas



Rules of Stress (cont.)

2. Stress the last syllable if a word ends in any other letter.

hablar ha-blar
biftec bif-tec
abril a-bril



Rules of Stress (cont.)


1. Stress the next to the last syllable if a word ends in n, s, or a vowel.
bonita verde clase hablan
2. Stress the last syllable if a word ends in any other letter.
llamar color profesor azul
3. An accent mark overrides the rules above.
fantástica simpático tímido francés



Rules of Stress (cont.)

3. An accent mark overrides the first two rules.

pizarrón pi-za-rrón
música mú-si-ca
número nú-me-ro
veintitrés vein-ti-trés




Rules of Stress (cont.)

Tell where the accent would go if there were no accent mark and why.

pizarrón	pi-za-rrón
música	mú-si-ca
número	nú-me-ro
veintitrés	vein-ti-trés

In every instance here, without an accent mark, the stress would fall on the next to the last syllable because every word above ends in n, s, or a vowel.




Rules of Stress (cont.)

Tell where the accent would go if there were no accent mark and why.

lápiz	lá-piz
fácil	fá-cil
difícil	di-fí-cil


In every instance here, without an accent mark, the stress would fall on the last syllable because every word above ends a letter other than n, s, or a vowel.



Rules of Stress (cont.)

Tell which syllables in the following words should be stressed and why (quote the rule):


primavera	pri-ma-ve-ra	rule 1
favor	fa-vor	rule 2
miércoles	miér-co-les	rule 3
domingo	do-min-go	rule 1
sábado	sá-ba-do	rule 3
señor	Se-ñor	rule 2



Rules of Stress (cont.)

Tell which syllables in the following words should be stressed and why (quote the rule):

veintiún	vein-ti-ún	rule 3
tardes	tar-des	rule 1
puertorriqueño	puer-to-rri-que-ño	rule 1
nacionalidad	na-cio-na-li-dad	rule 2
noviembre	no-viem-bre	rule 1
jueves	jue-ves	rule 1



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