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STRESS IN WORDS WITH MORE THAN 3 SYLLABLES



I. Secondary stress

- Some long words have a secondary stress which is much weaker than the primary stress.
- Primary stress is marked with a raised vertical line and secondary stress with the lowered vertical line at the beginning of the syllable.

E.g. **Economic** → /,ekə'nɒmɪk/

II. Prefix and Suffix

STRUCTURE: [**a prefix**] + a base word + [**a suffix**]

- A prefix or a suffix can modify the meaning of the word and even **change the stress position**.

E.g. **economy** (n) + **ic** = **economic** (adj)

/ɪ'kɒnəmi/

/.ekə'nɒmɪk/

1. Prefix:

'Dependent → **In**'dependent

'Necessary → **Un**'necessary

'Logical → **Il**'logical

'Regular → **Ir**'regular

Ad'vantage → **Dis**ad'vantage



1. Prefix:

- **Prefixes are usually unstressed** and they do not affect the stress position of base words.

1. Suffix:

Com'municate → Communi'ca**tion**

Ex'plain → Expla'na**tion**

E'conomy → Eco'no**mic**

Re'sponsible → Responsi'**bility**

- **Suffixes [-tion, -ic, -ity] change the word stress** on the syllable right before them.

III. Note for you



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