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# STRESS IN THREE- SYLLABLE NOUNS

## > Three Syllables: 1st Syllable Stressed

Most three syllable words (nouns, adjectives or verbs) are stressed on the first syllable. Three syllable words terminating with the "-er", "-or", "-ly" or "-y" are generally stressed on the first syllable.

## > Three Syllables: 2nd Syllable Stressed

Words ending in "-tion", "-sion", "-ic" or "-al" among other suffixes, generally have the stress on the syllable found before these terminations. This is the case for both three and four syllable words.

## > Three Syllables: 3rd Syllable Stressed

Words with the following suffixes have the stress on the final syllable (the suffix): "-ee", "-eer", "-ese", "-ette" or "-ique".