

UNIT 4:

FOR A BETTER COMMUNITY PRONUNCIATION

Stress in two-syllable words with the same spelling

N

'record

'increase

'present

'export

V

re'cord

in'crease

pre'sent

ex'port

2- syllable words

N, Adj

stress on the
1st syllable

V

stress on the
2nd syllable

NOTE

When a word can be both a noun and a verb, we stress the **FIRST** syllable for the **noun** and the **SECOND** syllable for the **verb**.

There is not always a change of stress in words that are both nouns and verbs.

Example:

an 'answer - to 'answer
a 'picture - to 'picture