

Words Stressed on the First Syllable

1. The majority of two-syllable words are accented on the **FIRST** syllable.

EXAMPLES Túesday áwful éver bróther óven wíndow

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2. Compound nouns are usually accented on the **FIRST** syllable.

EXAMPLES bédroom stóplight schoóthouse bóokstore

3. Numbers that are multiples of ten are accented on the **FIRST** syllable.

EXAMPLES twéntry thírty fórtý fífty síxty séventy

Words Stressed on the Second Syllable

1. Reflexive pronouns are usually accented on the **SECOND** syllable.

EXAMPLES mysélf yoursélf himsélf hersélf ourséives

2. Compound verbs are usually accented on the **SECOND** or **LAST** syllable.

EXAMPLES outdóne outsmárt outdó outrún overlóok