

Stress in Noun / Verb Homographs

There are many two-syllable nouns and verbs that are the same in the written form. We can distinguish between these word pairs in their spoken form through the use of stress. In these pairs, the noun will always be stressed on the first syllable and the verb on the second syllable.

EXERCISE C



Listen and repeat the noun / verb pairs. Remember to stress the *noun* on the FIRST syllable and *verb* on the SECOND.

Nouns		Verbs	
cónflict	(controversy)	conflict	(to clash)
cónduct	(one's behavior)	conduct	(to lead or guide)
cóntent	(subject matter)	contént	(to satisfy)
désert	(barren region)	desért	(to abandon)
dígest	(synopsis)	digést	(to absorb)
cóntest	(competition)	contést	(to dispute or challenge)
pérmit	(written warrant)	permít	(to allow or consent)
éxploit	(notable act, adventure)	exploít	(to take advantage of)
óbject	(material thing)	objéct	(to oppose or disagree)
íncrēase	(enlargement)	incréase	(to make larger)

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