

PRACTICING THE RULE OF -ION

SYLLABLE STRESS RULES

Nouns ending in **-ion** have a **stress on the syllable BEFORE the suffix**.

The word conversation for example, has 4 syllables: con ver sat ion.

Because it ends in -ion, we can be sure that the stress will fall on the syllable just before -ion: con ver SA tion.

We can show the stress pattern by writing it this way: ooOo

Words ending in the following suffixes **also** have a **stress on the syllable BEFORE the suffix**.

-ious hi LAR i ous (oOoo)

-ic i CO nic (oOo)

-ical me CHA ni cal (oOoo)

-graphy pho TO gra phy (oOoo)

-ity ne CESS i ty (oOoo)

Listen to the following words and choose the correct syllable stress pattern:

1) Hilarious

Oooo

oOoo

ooOo

2) Education

ooOo

Oooo

oooO

3) Congratulations

oOooo

ooOoo

oooOo

4) Democratic

Oooo

oOoo

ooOo

5) Location

Ooo

oOo

ooO

6) Economic

ooOo

oOoo

Oooo

7) Economical

Ooooo

ooOoo

oooOo

8) Courageous

Ooo

oOo

ooO

9) Society

oOoo

ooOo

oooO

10) Variety

Oooo

oOoo

oooO

11) Variation

ooOo

oOoo

Oooo

12) Geography

ooOo

Oooo

oOoo

13) Geographic

oOoo

ooOo

oooO

14) Competition

oOoo

Oooo

ooOo

15) Political

oOoo

ooOo

oooO

16) University

ooOoo

Ooooo

oOooo