4 Pronunciation.

Syllable Stress for Verbs and Nouns

When we use a two syllable word as both a verb and a noun, we change the syllable stress.

noun **pre**sent
The first syllable is stressed

verb pre**sent**
The second syllable is stressed

1 Listen to the examples below.
Then practise saying the sentences with a partner.

	noun	verb
1	I have to do some research for my project.	I would like to research hydropower.
2	I made no progress with my homework.	My English has progressed a lot.
3	I have a record of your school attendance.	I need to record the results of the test.

2 Listen the words below. Are they nouns or verbs?
Write the letter n in the boxes next to the nouns, and the letter v in the boxes next to the verbs.

☐ decrease	☐ impact	☐ repeat
☐ convert	☐ increase	☐ produce

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