

Syllables

1. How many syllables does each Word have? Write the Word into the right shopping bag.

milk	potato	soup	burger	pepper
banana	bottle	hotdog	bread	

		
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2.- Read and complete as you listen.

Word Stress: Word stress is the key to understanding spoken English and it is a natural characteristic of native speakers of the English language.

_____ simple rules to consider when stressing words in English are:

1. We **stress** only _____ syllable in each word, no matter the number of syllables the word has.
2. We only **stress** _____, never consonants.

In other words, we pronounce the stressed syllable louder, clearer and longer.

Always be careful when stressing a word in English because you can change the meaning of the word. Some examples are: **present** (a gift you receive or the opposite to absent) or **present** (to introduce somebody to others); _____ject and **object**; **contract** and con _____.

In Spanish we have written and _____ accents to stress words. Does the English language have _____?

3.- Read the definition and examples in exercise 2 and answer the questions below. Share your answers with your teacher and classmates.

1. Why is word stress in English so important?

2. How many syllables do we stress in each word in English?

3. When do we stress consonants in English?

4. How should we pronounce the stressed syllable in a word?
