

Exercise 7

Pronunciation makes up 25% of the score in the IELTS Speaking test. An important part of having correct pronunciation is stress. Stress is the way that, for example, a syllable is pronounced more strongly than other syllables in the same word.

Look at the words below and decide which syllables (shown in bold, CAPITALS) are stressed.

1. important:
 - ☐ **IM**portant
 - ☐ im**PORT**ant
 - ☐ impor**TANT**
2. easily:
 - ☐ **EA**sily
 - ☐ ea**SIL**y
 - ☐ easi**LY**
3. unique:
 - ☐ **U**nique
 - ☐ u**NI**que
 - ☐ uni**QUE**
4. qualification:
 - ☐ **QUAL**ification
 - ☐ quali**fiCA**tion
 - ☐ qualifica**TION**
5. liberal:
 - ☐ **LIB**eral
 - ☐ li**BE**ral
 - ☐ libe**RAL**
6. studies:
 - ☐ **STUD**ies
 - ☐ st**UD**ies
 - ☐ stud**IES**
7. experience:
 - ☐ **EX**perience
 - ☐ ex**PER**ience
 - ☐ experi**ENCE**
8. security:
 - ☐ **SE**curity
 - ☐ se**CUR**ity
 - ☐ secur**ITY**

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9. dangerous:

- **DAN**gerous
- dan**GER**ous
- danger**OUS**

10. totally:

- **T**otally
- to**T**ally
- tota**LLY**