

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**PO**Rtant
 - impor**T**ANT
2. easily:
 - E**Asily
 - ea**S**ily
 - easi**L**Y
3. unique:
 - Unique
 - u**N**ique
 - uni**Q**UE
4. qualification:
 - QUA**Lification
 - qualifi**C**Ation
 - qualifica**T**ION
5. liberal:
 - LI**Beral
 - li**B**eral
 - libe**R**AL
6. studies:
 - STU**Dies
 - st**U**Dies
 - stu**D**IES
7. experience:
 - EX**perience
 - ex**PER**ience
 - experi**EN**CE
8. security:
 - SE**curity
 - se**CUR**ity
 - secur**IT**Y

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9. dangerous:

- **D**ANgerous
- dan**G**ERous
- danger**O**US

10. totally:

- **T**Otally
- to**T**Ally
- **t**otally