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