

learning strategy

syllables and word stress

- Some words in English can be broken into smaller parts called **syllables**.

Sun·day has 2 syllables.

- If a word has more than one syllable, we usually stress one of the syllables.
- We stress a syllable by making it **longer** **louder** **high_{er}**
- Saying the words out loud can help you decide where to put the stress in a syllable.
- Look at the word list at the back of your Skills Book. The syllable **after** the / · / mark in the phonetic part of the list also shows where the stress is.

1 Syllables and word stress.

Maha wants to pronounce the following words carefully in a class debate. Sort the words into the table and then mark the stress on the correct syllable of each word. Then, listen and check your answers.



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| tourism | pollution | busy |
| rainforest | holiday | |
| travel | create | journey |
| relax | cultural | |

two syllables

re·'lax

three syllables

'cul·tu·ral