

Stress in Portuguese Words

1. If there is an accent mark over a letter that syllable is stressed.
2. If the final letter in the word is i, l, r, z, im, um, ins, uns, the stress shifts to the final syllable
3. If the word ends in a diphthong like ão, au, ao, õe, oi, ãe, ai, ou, ei, ui, the stress also shifts to the end
4. If no other rule is used, you stressed the “penultimate” syllable (the second to last syllable)

Note: the order of the rules is the order in which each rule is dominant.

In the following words select the syllable that is stressed.

Cama

Carapau

Lá

João

Cadeira

Pano

Jornal

Mãe

Sorri

Dizer