

Stress Mark Placement

Looking through your vocab book, find all of the verbs with 2 syllables – copy down the word and its pronunciation.

What do you notice about the pronunciation of 2 syllable verbs – write a “rule” that students could use to help them determine where to put a stress mark for these words.

Rule 1: For most 2-syllable verbs, put the stress mark on the 2nd syllable

Examples: preSENT, exPORT, deCIDE

Rule 2: When words end in –ic, –sion, or –tion, put the stress mark on the penultimate (2nd to last syllable)

Examples: GRAPHic, geoGRAPHic, geoLOGic, teleVIsion, reveLAtion

Looking through your vocab book, find all of the words that end in –cy, –ty, –phy, or –gy; copy down the word and its pronunciation.

What do you notice about the pronunciation of these words – write a “rule” that students could use to help them determine where to put a stress mark for these words.

Rule 3: When words end in –cy, -ty, -phy, or –gy, put the stress mark on the ante-penultimate (syllable 3rd from the end)

Examples: biOgraphy, aBILity, ALlergy