

all words of more than one syllable have what is called word stress. This means that at least one of the syllables is louder and higher than the other syllables.

In the following examples, stressed syllables are in capital letters:

Column A	Column B	Column C
PHOtograph	phOtograph	phoTOgraph
REntal	conVEntive	conVENE
MASthead	conVEY	conVEYance

In many cases, word stress must simply be learned as new vocabulary is acquired. However, there are some guidelines for word stress which can make it easier to deal with.

### 1. Compound Words

Listen to the following compound nouns. Can you hear the word stress?

brother  
brotherhood  
brotherly  
brother-in-law  
brotherly  
brotherly

In each of these examples, the first part of the compound gets the stress.