

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
PHEnol	COmpressive	COmpRESS
MATHs	COuntry	COmmunicate

In many cases, word stress must simply be learned as new vocabulary is acquired. However, there are some guidelines for word stress which you can try 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.