

SPANISH 1441 - ACCENT MARKS WORKSHEET

I. Why do these words have accent marks? Write the reason for each group.

- A.** librería, tío = The stressed syllable in the word deviates from the standard stressed syllable; thus it is irregular.
- B.** él, tú, sí = To differentiate between two words that have two different meanings but are spelled the same
- C.** ¿Qué? ¿Dónde? = Question words always have accent marks

II. Complete the following rules to indicate where the stress should fall in words with these endings.

- A.** Words ending in a **VOWEL, N** or **S** should stress the : next to last syllable. If they don't (if they break the rule), they require an accent mark on the stressed syllable.
- B.** Words ending in a **CONSONANT (except N or S)** should stress the last syllable. If they don't (if they break the rule), they require an accent mark on the stressed syllable.

III. TEST YOURSELF. Do these words have accents or not? The stressed syllable in each word below is written in CAPITAL LETTERS. Re-write the words without the capital letters or syllable separations, and place an accent mark on the correct letter if it is needed. Then, for each word that does require an accent, write the letter from Part II above, A or B, to indicate why it needs an accent. (Do not worry about the meanings of the words.)

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| 1. PLA-ta-no | plátano-A | 11. mu-JER | mujer |
| 2. es-cu-CHAR | escuchar | 12. es-tu-DIAN-te | estudiante |
| 3. ma-ri-PO-sa | mariposa | 13. VIC-tor | Víctor |
| 4. bo-LI-gra-fo | bolígrafo-B | 14. gon-ZA-lez | González-B |
| 5. CES-ped | césped-B | 15. pa-RED | pared |
| 6. pe-LO-ta | pelota | 16. cin-tu-RON | cinturón-A |
| 7. sim-PA-ti-ca | simpática-A | 17. CAN-tan | cantan |
| 8. car-TEL | cartel | 18. LA-piz | lápiz-B |
| 9. ca-MION | camión-A | 19. cor-TES | cortés-A |
| 10. O-cho | ocho | 20. LO-bo | lobo |