



Finding the stress (Stress and pronunciation)

Description: Students assign words to groups according to the number of syllables and where the stress comes.

Use with or after: *English Network 3 (New Edition)*, Unit 6, Step 1.

Skill: Stress and pronunciation

Focus: Three-, four- and six-syllable words from the newspaper articles on page 88.

Time: 20 minutes

Preparation:

- Print out all three pages of this file.
- Make copies of the second and third pages (worksheet and key) for each student.

Procedure:

- Be sure everyone knows the meanings of the word *syllable* (*Silbe* in German) and *stress* (*Betonung*).
- Explain that they are going to do an exercise on stress and pronunciation, using words from the newspaper articles in Unit 6, Step 1, on page 88.
- Play the recordings of the three articles from the CD, and let them read along as they listen.
- Give each student a copy of the worksheet. Point out that at the top there is a list of twenty-two words from the three articles, in alphabetical order.
- With a partner, the students should assign these twenty-two words to six groups, depending on the number of syllables and where the stress comes. They should write the words in each group in alphabetical order, and write one letter in each box. One letter of each word has already been given.
- Suggest that the pairs take the listed words in order, try to agree on the pronunciation of each word and then see if it fits in the group where they think it should fit.
- When they have written in all twenty-two words, they should find and mark the words in the newspaper articles.
- Play the recording again, with their books open, and encourage them to listen for the stress in the words they have marked.
- Distribute the key and answer any questions.

If any of your students are not still not familiar with the phonetic alphabet, ask them to find it in their books (it's on page 144) and point out that the phonetic transcription is given for each word in the Vocabulary and Dictionary sections at the back of the book.



You have read these words in the newspaper articles in Unit 6, Step 1 of *English Network 3 (New Edition)*, on page 88, and heard them on the recordings:

accident, aggressively, behaving, carelessly, conditions, critical, dangerously, enthusiastically, expected, heavily, hospital, impossible, motorway, negative, performances, performing, positive, preparation, reporters, resulted, suddenly, suspended

Write the words in each group in alphabetical order. Put one letter in each box.

O o o

Three syllables, stress on the first:

				D			
						S	
	R						
			V				
				T			
			O				
		G					
		S					
				N			

o O o

Three syllables, stress on the second:

				V			
			D				
	X						
					M		
				R			
			U				
					N		

O o o o

Four syllables, stress on the first:

			G				
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o o O o

Four syllables, stress on the third:

				A			
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o O o o

Four syllables, stress on the second:

		G					
					B		
					M		

o o o O o o

Six syllables, stress on the fourth:

						S					
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This word is pronounced [ɪ , θju : zɪ ' æstɪkli]. Which two letters are silent?

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Key:

The words in each group are in alphabetical order.

O o o

Three syllables, stress on the first:

A	C	C	I	D	E	N	T		
C	A	R	E	L	E	S	S	L	Y
C	R	I	T	I	C	A	L		
H	E	A	V	I	L	Y			
H	O	S	P	I	T	A	L		
M	O	T	O	R	W	A	Y		
N	E	G	A	T	I	V	E		
P	O	S	I	T	I	V	E		
S	U	D	D	E	N	L	Y		

o O o

Three syllables, stress on the second:

B	E	H	A	V	I	N	G		
C	O	N	D	I	T	I	O	N	S
E	X	P	E	C	T	E	D		
P	E	R	F	O	R	M	I	N	G
R	E	P	O	R	T	E	R	S	
R	E	S	U	L	T	E	D		
S	U	S	P	E	N	D	E	D	

O o o o

Four syllables, stress on the first:

D	A	N	G	E	R	O	U	S	L	Y
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o o O o

Four syllables, stress on the third:

P	R	E	P	A	R	A	T	I	O	N
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o O o o

Four syllables, stress on the second:

A	G	G	R	E	S	S	I	V	E	L	Y
I	M	P	O	S	S	I	B	L	E		
P	E	R	F	O	R	M	A	N	C	E	S

o o o O o o

Six syllables, stress on the fourth:

E	N	T	H	U	S	I	A	S	T	I	C	A	L	L	Y
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This word is pronounced [ɪn , θju : zɪ ' æstɪkli]. Which two letters are silent?

A	L
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