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EDUCATION OBJECTIVES:

- ▶ Basic rules and knowledge associated with the English language.
- ▶ Raising the student's linguistic level and acquiring the languages of research and communication

PRIOR KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED:

- ▶ Knowing the most important basic rules related to the English language.
- ▶ Access to the most important literature related to the English language.

→ English content:

1) Etymology, means and tools of speech.

2) Silent letters, vowels and pronunciation, stress letters.

3) Vocabulary: the nature of the word, the form and structure of the sentence, types of sentences.

4) Grammar: the phrase, the conditional sentence, the sentence and its content (grammar/morphology).

5) Semantics: plurality, synonymy, antonym, figurative expression.

6) The most important terms in the sports field

7) The most important professions related to the sports field

Silent letters, vowels and pronunciation, **stress letters**.

LESSON 03

STRESS LETTERS

➔ stress letters:

A language learner needs to engage with a word many times, preferably in different ways, in order to really learn it - identifying and practising word stress can provide one or two of those engagements.

- ❖ Why word stress is important?
- ❖ What word stress is?
- ❖ Some 'rules' of word stress?
- ❖ Conclusion

SYLLABLE:

IS UNIT OF A WORD



Big

Per|son

diff|ic|ult

in|form|ation

A syllable has only one (1) vowel sound and one or more consonant sound

➔ syllable :

PRACTICE:

Breakfast



Banana



Tomorrow



University



Correct



Beautiful



Teacher



Controversial



➔ stress letters:

Why word stress is important?

Mistakes in word stress are a common cause of misunderstanding in English. Here are the reasons why:

Stressing the wrong syllable in a word can make the word very difficult to hear and understand; for example, try saying the following words:

Stressing a word differently can change the meaning or type of the word

What word stress is

When we stress syllables in words, we use a combination of different features. Experiment now with the word 'computer'. Say it out loud. Listen to yourself. The second syllable of the three is stressed.

➔ stress letters:

A stressed syllable combines five features:

- 1) It is **l-o-n-g-e-r** - com p-u-ter
- 2) It is **LOUDER** - comPUTer
- 3) It has a **change in pitch** from the syllables coming before and afterwards. The pitch of a stressed syllable is usually higher.
- 4) It is said **more clearly** -The vowel sound is purer. Compare the first and last vowel sounds with the stressed sound.
- 5) It uses **larger facial movements** - Look in the mirror when you say the word. Look at your jaw and lips in particular.

➔ stress letters:

Stress is emphasis given to certain syllables in words. In English, stress is produced with a longer, louder and higher pitched sound than unstressed sounds.

➔ stress letters:

Some 'rules' of word stress

There are patterns in word stress in English but, as a rule (!), it is dangerous to say there are fixed rules. Exceptions can usually be found.

➔ stress letters:

Here are some general tendencies for word stress in English:

Word	Type of word	Tendency	Exceptions
apple table happy	two-syllable nouns and adjectives	stress on the first syllable O o apple	hotel lagoon
hairbrush football	compound nouns	fairly equally balanced but with stronger stress on the first part O o hairbrush	

➔ stress letters:

① MONOSYLLABIC WORDS (ONE SYLLABLE WORD)



NO SPECIAL RULE



STRESS (') IS AT THE BEGINING



eg. 'Big; 'Send; 'Hot; 'Fix

➔ stress letters:

② WORDS OF TWO (2) SYLLABLES

A. Verbs:

STRESS (ˈ) is on the 02nd syllable

eg. cor^ˈrect; pre^ˈsent; do^ˈnate; pro^ˈduce

➔ stress letters:

② WORDS OF TWO (2) SYLLABLES

B. Nouns:

STRESS (') is on the 01st syllable

eg. 'Teacher; 'Actor; 'English;

➔ stress letters:

② WORDS OF TWO (2) SYLLABLES

C. Adjectives:

STRESS (') is on the 01st syllable

eg. 'Happy; 'Muggy; 'Hangry; 'Stupid

➔ stress letters:

② WORDS OF TWO (2) SYLLABLES

C. Adverbs:

STRESS (') is on the 01st syllable

eg. 'under; 'over; 'never; 'after

BIG RULE

WORDS OF TWO (2) SYLLABLES THE
STRESS ON THE 01st SYLLABLE
EXCEPT VERBS ON THE 02nd
SYLLABLE.

➔ EXERSICE:

Practice Words:

1. command
3. pillow
6. suitcase
7. himself
8. event
9. access
10. stop

ANSWERS:

1. comMAND
3. Pillow
6. SUITcase
7. himSELF
8. eVENT
9. Access
10. Stop

➔ PRACTICE:

Conclusion

Any work on aspects of pronunciation can take a long time to show improvements and be challenging for both the students and the teacher, but working on word stress can be fun and over time will help your students to be better understood and more confident speakers.

➔ Scientific references:

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THE END

Thanks for your attention!