Unforgettable

Stress in longer words 1

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We can build longer words by adding parts to the beginning or end of shorter words. Usually, this does not change the stress: it stays on the same syllable as in the original word. Look at the example below.

	for	get		
	for	get	ful	1183
	for	get	ful	ness
	for	gett	a	ble
un	for	gett	a	ble

Here are is a list of beginnings and endings which do not change the stress of the shorter word:

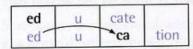
-able (drinkable) in-/im- (impossible) -ness (happiness)
-al (musical) -ise (civilise) -ship (friendship)
-er (player) -ish (childish) un- (unhappy)
-ful (helpful) -less (childless) under- (underpay)

-hood (childhood) -ly (friendly)
-ing (boring) -ment (employment)

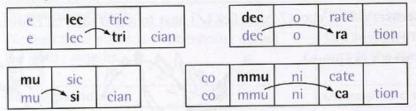
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Some endings do change the stress in the shorter word. Look how the ending -ion changes the stress in the word educate.



When we add the endings -ion or -ian, the stress always moves to the syllable before these endings. Here are some more examples.



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Note: -tion and -cian are pronounced /fan/.

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The ending -ic also moves the stress to the syllable before it. Listen to these examples.

scientist scientific
economy economic
atom atomic
artist artistic



Note: When a syllable changes from unstressed to stressed, or stressed to unstressed, the vowel sound often changes. For example the letter O in *atom* is pronounced |a|, but in *atomic*, it is pronounced |a|; the A in *atom* is pronounced |a|, but in *atomic* it is |a|.



Note: The ending -al does not change the stress of the word (see A above), so, for example, the stress is on the same syllable in these two words: economic economical.

Exercises

EXAMPLE child	childhood, childish, childishness, childless
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J care	
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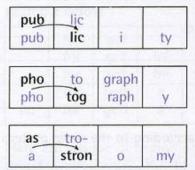
Public, publicity

Stress in longer words 2

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There are many longer word endings where the last letter is -y. In words with these endings, the stress is placed on the syllable two from the end. Listen to these examples.



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cli	mate		



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Note: If we add the ending -ic to a word, the stress goes on the syllable before -ic. (See Unit 30.) Notice the change of stress, for example: photography photographic.

Note: In words for an expert in the subject, such as *photographer* or *climatologist*, the stress stays on the same syllable as in the word ending in –*y*: photography photographer

photography photographe climatology climatologist

Many words for school and university subjects have one of the -y endings in this unit or the ending -ics. Listen to the names of subjects in this text.

At school, I hated science subjects like physics, chemistry and biology, you know, and ehm... I wasn't very good at mathematics and things. I really liked subjects like history, geography, economics. Anyway, when I went to university, I wanted to do geology, but I couldn't 'cause I was no good at sciences, so in the end I did philosophy!

Note: Many English speakers do not pronounce the second syllable in *history*, so that it sounds like this: /ˈhɪstrɪ/ Oo. The first part of the word *geography* may be pronounced as one or two syllables: /ˈdʒɒgrəfɪ/ Ooo or /dʒiːˈɒgrəfɪ/ oOoo. Many speakers do not pronounce the second syllable in *mathematics*, so it sounds like this: /mæθˈmætɪks/ oOo.

nationalisation

If we combine the various endings in this unit and Unit 30, we can get 'families' of words with moving stress patterns. Listen to these examples.

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civilise civilisation

Exercises

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