

Mega Goal 2 (MG22)				Unit 7 There's No Place Like Home				Lesson 6 Pronunciation			
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## Word Stress

**When a native speaker stresses a syllable in a word, this is what they do:**

- Produce a longer vowel
- Raise the pitch of the syllable to a higher level
- Say the syllable louder
- Pronounce it with clarity
- Create a more distinctive facial movement

**Word stress** is the degree of emphasis or loudness that a speaker gives to a syllable in a word. Word stress can affect the meaning and the pronunciation of a word. For example, the word 'present' can be a noun or a verb depending on which syllable is stressed.

**Rule:**

- 1- **Noun:** When a noun (a word referring to a person, thing, place or abstract quality) has two syllables, the stress is usually **on the first syllable**.
- 2- **Verb:** When a verb (a word referring to an action, event or state of being) has two syllables, the stress is usually **on the second syllable**.

However, there are many exceptions to this rule, so it is important to listen to native speakers and check the dictionary for the correct stress.

You have given some examples of two-syllable words that change their part of speech and meaning when the stress changes. These are called **shift-stress words**.

**Here are some more examples of shift-stress words:**

- CONtent (noun) - the things that are inside something
- conTENT (adjective) - happy and satisfied
- REcord (noun) - a written or spoken account of something
- reCORD (verb) - to make a copy of sounds or images
- OBject (noun) - a thing that can be seen or touched
- obJECT (verb) - to disagree with something or oppose something

I hope this helps you improve your English pronunciation and understanding.

Have a great day! 😊  
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