

Chapter 6
part 1



Phonetics
Engl 328

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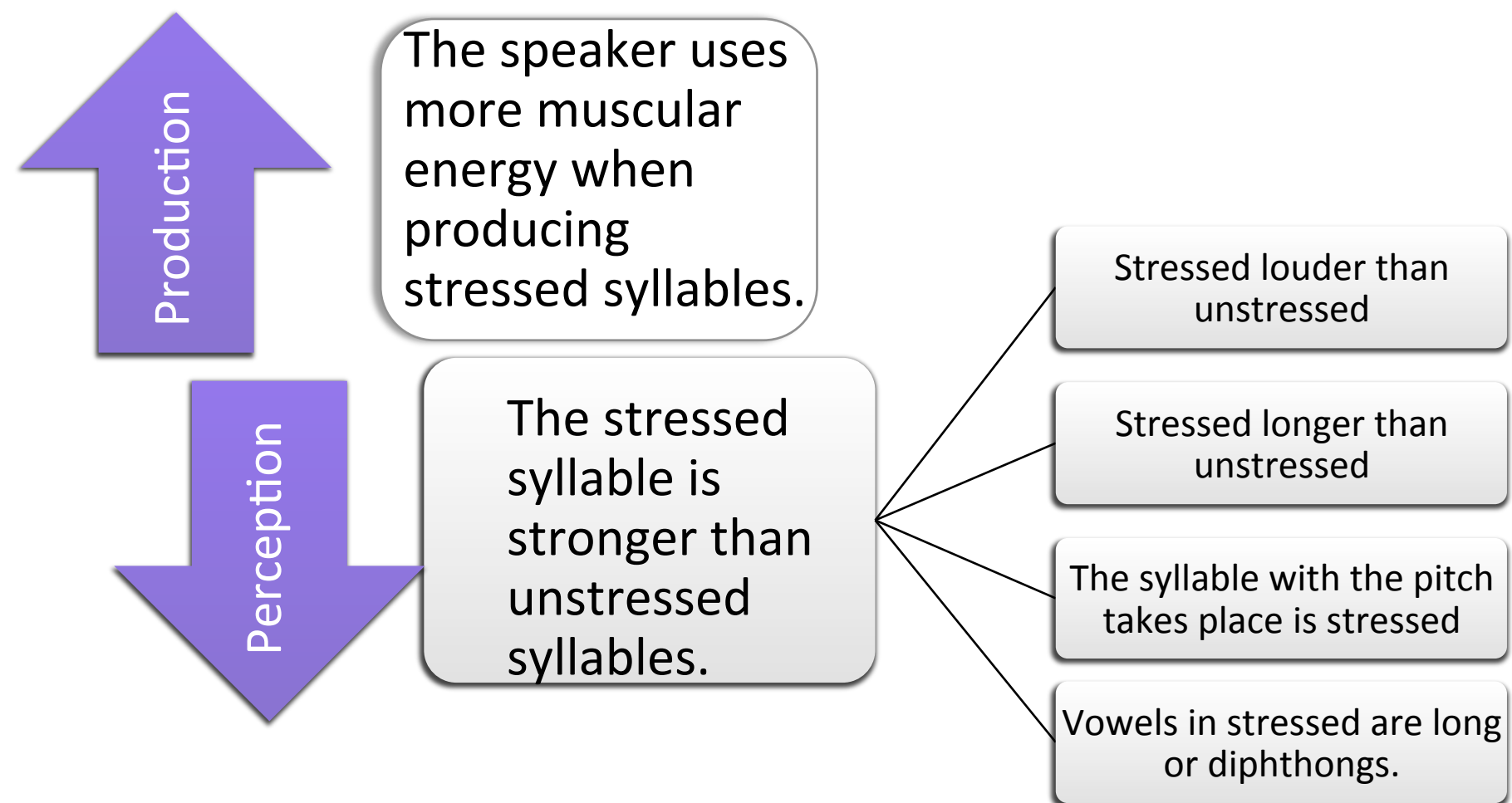


Word Stress

An important feature of spoken English is that when we use words with more than one syllable, we generally pronounce one syllable more strongly than the other syllables. This syllable is called the **stressed** or **accented** syllable

Not knowing the correct place of the stress may cause misunderstanding.

How stressed syllables are different from unstressed syllables:

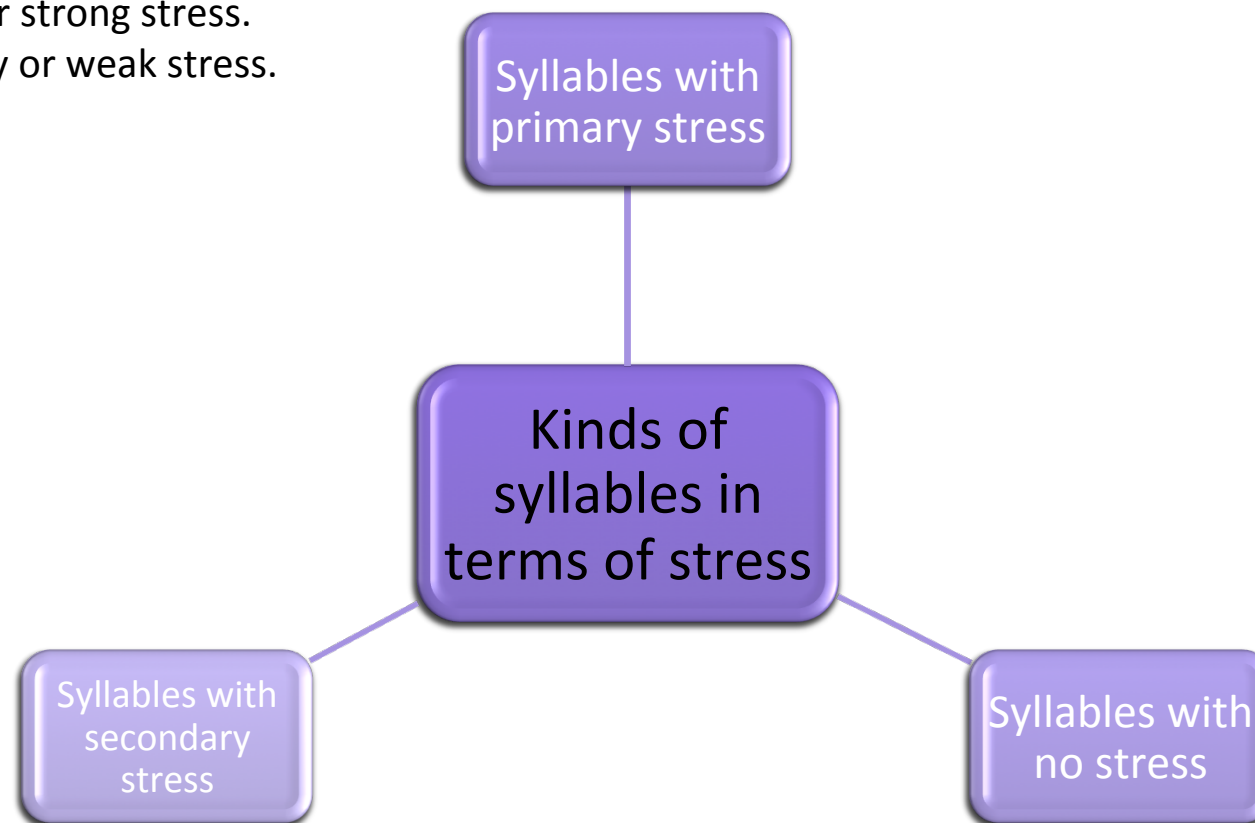


Word stress and degrees of stress within a word

Degrees of stress:

There are 2 degrees of stress:

1. Primary or strong stress.
2. Secondary or weak stress.



Important features in deciding word stress placement

There are certain features of words, which determine which syllable in the word should be stressed:

1. The number of the syllables in the word
2. The phonological structure of the syllable that make up a word.
3. The grammatical category that the word belongs to; noun, verb, adjective, adverb... etc.
4. The morphological structure of the word; simple, complex, or compound.
5. Whether the word is of a specific type like reflexive pronouns, numbers, or abbreviations.

Stress in monosyllabic words:

- **Nouns, full verbs, adjectives, or adverbs with one syllable are usually stressed.**

E.g. book, girl, walk, eat, tall, small, here, too.

- **Grammatical words such as pronouns, prepositions, articles, or auxiliary verbs with one syllable are not stressed.**

E.g. he, it, with, at, an, the, are, does.

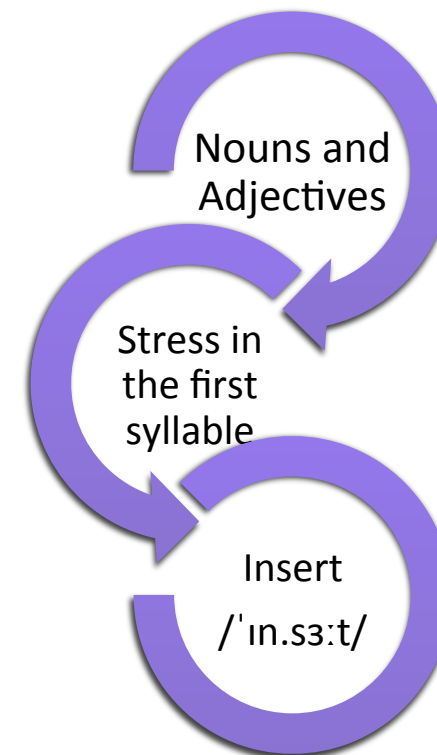
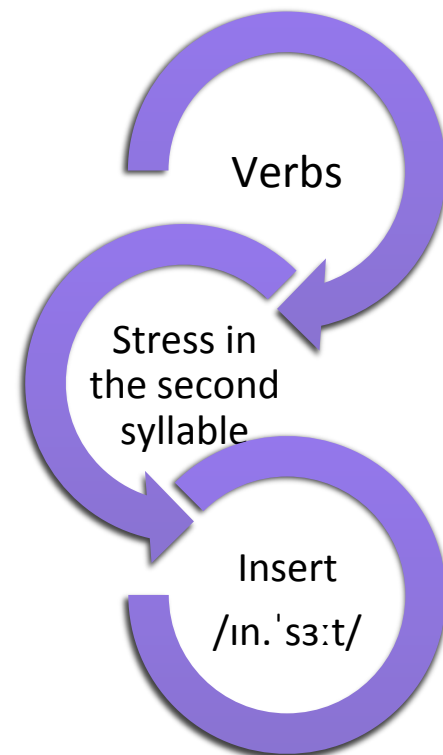
Stress in words of two or three syllables:

Usually the stress falls on the syllable that contains a long vowel or diphthong or on the syllable that ends with more than one consonant.

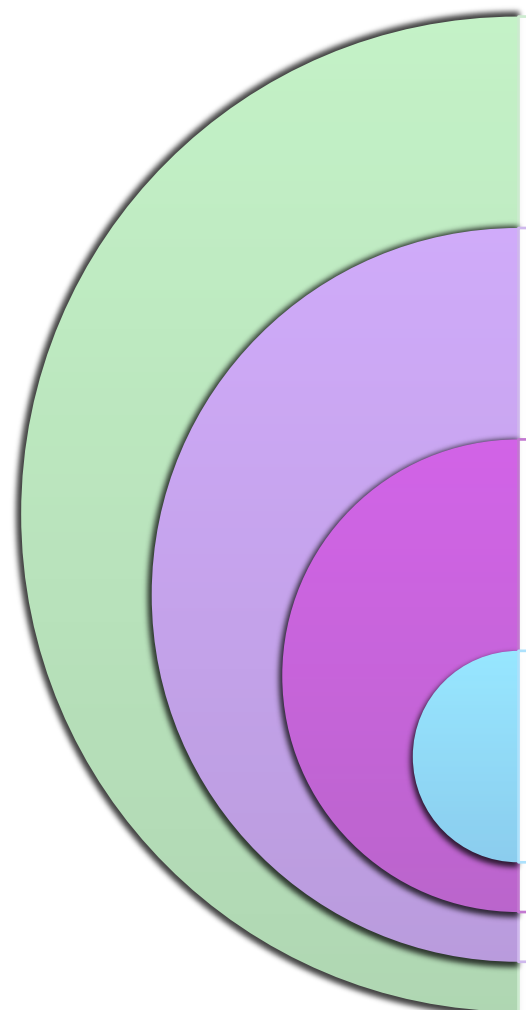
Verbs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Resist• /rɪ.'zɪst/• Conclude• /kən.'kluːd/	Nouns	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Design• /dɪ.'zaɪn/• Intent• /ɪn.'tɛnt/	Adjectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Profuse• /prə.'fjuːz/• Correct• /kə.'rɛkt/
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Stress in nouns, adjectives, and verbs:

If we have words with the same spelling but different form class (nouns, verbs, or adjectives), the stress will be different.



Stress in phrasal verbs:



With adverb	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The verb → secondary stress• The adverb → primary stress• E.g. give up /,gɪv 'ʌp/
With prepositions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The verb → primary stress in the second syllable• The preposition → unstressed• E.g. look for /'lʊk ,fə/
With both adverb and preposition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The verb → secondary stress• The adverb → primary stress• The preposition → unstressed• E.g. look down on /,lʊk 'daʊn ɒn/
Nouns derived from phrasal verbs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The stress will be in the first syllable• E.g. warm-up /'wɔːmlʌp/

This is all for today

SEE YOU NEXT WEEK 😊