

Accent Placement Clues

2-Syllable words:

- Consider putting the accent on the root word.

re.main' in.vade' trac'.tor

- Place the accent on the second syllable when the final consonant of that syllable is doubled.

for.bid'.den con.fer'.ring im.pel'.ling

Words of more than two syllables ending in Silent-e:

- Count back and accent the 3rd syllable from the end.

com'.pli.cate in.sec'.ti.cide lon'.gi.tude

Consider differences in accents involving various parts of speech:

con'.duct (n) con.duct' (v)

ad'.dress (n) ad.dress' (v)

The accent usually falls on the syllable just before some suffixes:

- -ity

hu'.man hu.man'ity re'.al re.al'ity

pop'.u.lar pop.u.lar'ity ac'.tive ac.tiv'ity

- -ic

gi.gan'.tic e.las'.tic ter.rif'.ic

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- -ical
his.tor'.ic.al po.lit'.ic.al

Always takes the accent:

- suffix -eer
en.gin.eer' auc.tion.eer' vol.un.teer'
- suffix -ment when followed by another suffix
in'stru.ment in.stru.ment'.al
el'.e.ment el.e.ment'.al
ar'.gu.ment ar.gu.ment'.a.tive
- word ending -oon
har.poon' pon.toon' car.toon'

Other word endings (Greek combining forms):

- -cracy -c' racy
de.moc'.racy the.oc'.racy
- -ology -ol' ogy
bi.ol'.ogy myth.ol'.ogy
- -meter -m' eter
ther.mom'.eter al.tim'.eter
- -graphy -g' raphy
bi.og'.raphy te.leg'.raphy

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- -pathy -p'athy
 an.tip'.athy te.lep'.athy
- -itis -i'tis
 ton.sil.i'tis bron.chi'tis