

PRONUNCIATION:

MUSIC OF ENGLISH

Language Patterns

STRESS (word)

- emphasis on syllables in words
- vowel length and clarity

RHYTHM (words and sentences)

- number of syllables
- syllable length
- patterns in sentences (stress)

INTONATION (words and sentences)

- pitch changes
- rise and fall of voice

General Approach (Stress, Rhythm, Intonation)

Model (tutor, record)

Listen

Imitate

**Support with action and/or visual
clues in written form**

Repetitive practice

Eight Common Word Stress Patterns in English

1. One Syllable-Stressed

EAT DRINK SIGN

2. Two Syllable-First Syllable Stressed

Glant PICture

3. Two Syllable-Second Syllable Stressed

toDAY aHEAD

4. Three Syllable-First Syllable Stressed

ENergy ORganize

5. Three Syllable-Second Syllable Stressed

toMAto forEVER

6. Three Syllable-Third Syllable Stressed

employEE japanESE

7. Four Syllable-Second Syllable Stressed

eVAporate cerTificate

8. Four Syllable- Third Syllable Stressed

repuTAtion poliTiCian

Visual Clues for Word Stress Patterns

Dots

• •
pic ture

• • •
for ev er

Dark Type

pic ture

for **ev** er

Dots and Dashes

• _____
pic ture

_____ • _____
for ev er

Changing Meaning Through Word Stress

I said she might consider a new haircut.

1. I said she might consider a new haircut.
2. I **said** she might consider a new haircut.
3. I said **she** might consider a new haircut.
4. I said she **might** consider a new haircut.
5. I said she might **consider** a new haircut.
6. I said she might consider a **new** haircut.
7. I said she might consider a new **haircut**.

Music of English

What **is** it?

An **ice** cube.

Where **is** it?

In a **glass**.



Intonation Patterns-Rise and/or Fall of Voice

I went with a friend.

Will it open at ten?

When is the party?

Are you coming or going?

Why do I have to go?