

Stress in

"TWO-SYLLABLE WORDS WITH THE SAME MEANING"

Some examples of two-syllable words with the same meaning: record (n,v), increase (n.v), present (n.v), produce (n,v), recall (n,v), conflict (n,v)

Nouns

Nouns are usually stressed on the first syllable

- a 'record
- an 'increase
- a 'present
- a 'produce
- a 'recall
- a 'conflict

Verbs

Verbs are usually stressed on the second syllable

- to re'cord
- to in'crease
- to pre'sent
- to pro'duce
- to re'call
- to con'flict

Note

There is not always a change of stress in words that are both nouns and verbs

- an 'answer
- to 'answer
- a 'picture
- to 'picture
- a 'blossom
- to 'blossom

Practice

WHICH WORD IS STRESSED DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHERS?

1. a. answer b. capture c. blossom d. conflict
2. a. record b. picture c. present d. produce

ANSWER: 1.d - 2.b