

SYLLABLE STRESS

When there's more than one syllable, stress the next to last.



Track 60

Syllable Count Intonation Patterns

In spoken English, if you put the emphasis on the wrong syllable, you totally lose the meaning, when you need to put the emphasis on the right syllable.

At this point, we won't be concerned with *why* we are stressing a particular syllable—that understanding will come at the end of this chapter.

Exercise 1-35: Syllable Patterns



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In order to practice accurate pitch change, repeat the following columns. Each syllable will count as one musical note. Remember that words that end in a vowel or a voiced consonant will be longer than ones ending in an unvoiced consonant (p, f, s, t, k, x, sh, th, ch).

1 Syllable

Pattern 1a



Pattern 1b



2 Syllables

Pattern 2a



Pattern 2b



A	B	C
la!	get	stop
cat	quick	which
jump	choice	bit
box	loss	beat
la-a	law	bid
dog	goes	bead
see	choose	car
plan	lose	know
la-la	Bob Smith	for you
a dog	my car	Who knows?
a cat	some more	cassette
destroy	red tape	ballet
a pen	enclose	valet
pretend	consume	to do
your job	my choice	today
pea soup	How's work?	tonight
la-la	wristwatch	phone book
hot dog	textbook	doorknob
icy	bookshelf	notebook
suitcase	sunshine	house key
project	placemat	ballot
sunset	stapler	valid
Get one!	modern	dog show
Do it!	modem	want ad

A hot *dog* is an overheated canine 🐕, while a *hot* dog is a frankfurter 🌭.

Exercise 1-35: Syllable Patterns *continued*

3 Syllables

Pattern 3a



A	B	C
la-la-la	Worms eat dirt.	Joe has three.
Bob's hot dog 🐕	Inchworms inch.	Bob has eight.
Bob won't know.	Pets need care.	Al jumped up.
Sam's the boss.	Ed's too late.	Glen sat down.
Susie's nice.	Paul threw up.	Tom made lunch.
Bill went home.	Wool can itch.	Kids should play.
Cats don't care.	Birds sing songs.	Mom said, "No!"
Stocks can fall.	Spot has fleas.	Mars is red.
School is fun.	Nick's a punk.	Ned sells cars.

Pattern 3b



la-la-la	Make a cake.	IBM
a hot dog 🐕	He forgot.	a good time
I don't know.	Take a bath.	Use your head!
He's the boss.	We're too late.	How are you?
We cleaned up.	I love you.	We came home.
in the bag	over here	on the bus
for a while	What a jerk!	engineer
I went home.	How's your job?	She fell down.
We don't care.	How'd it go?	They called back.
It's in March.	Who'd you meet?	You goofed up.

Pattern 3c



la-la-la	percentage (%)	Ohio
a hot dog 🌭	advantage	his football
I don't know!	It's starting.	They're leaving.
Jim killed it.	Let's try it.	How are you?
tomorrow	financial	emphatic
a fruitcake	I thought so.	Dale planned it.
the engine	on Wednesday	You took it.
a wineglass	in April	external
potato	I love you.	a bargain
whatever	Let's tell him.	Don't touch it.

Pattern 3d



la-la-la	alphabet	phone number
hot dog stand	possible	think about
I don't know.	Show me one.	comfortable
analyze	area	waiting for
article	punctuate	pitiful
dinnertime	emphasis	everything
digital	syllable	orchestra
analog	PostIt note	ignorant
cell structure	Rolodex	Rubbermaid

Exercise 1-35: Syllable Patterns *continued*

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4 Syllables

Pattern 4a



A	B	C
la-la-la-la	Nate needs a break.	Max wants to know.
Spot's a hot dog.	Ed took my car.	Al's kitchen floor
Jim killed a snake.	Jill ate a steak.	Bill's halfway there.
Joe doesn't know.	Spain's really far.	Roses are red,
Nate bought a book.	Jake's in the lake.	Violets are blue,
Al brought some ice.	Sam's in a bar.	Candy is sweet, and so are you.

Pattern 4b



la-la-la-la	She asked for help.	I want to know.
It's a hot dog.	We took my car.	the kitchen floor
He killed a snake.	We need a break.	We watched TV.
He doesn't know.	It's really far.	She's halfway there.
We came back in.	I love you, too.	We played all day.
He bought a book.	They got away.	Please show me how.

Pattern 4c



la-la-la-la	Boys ring doorbells.	Phil knows mailmen.
Bob likes hot dogs.	Bill ate breakfast.	Joe grew eggplants.
Ann eats pancakes.	Guns are lethal.	Humpty Dumpty
Cats eat fish bones.	Inchworms bug me.	Hawks are vicious.
Bears are fuzzy.	Ragtops cost more.	Homework bores them.
Planets rotate.	Salesmen sell things.	Mike can hear you.

Pattern 4d



la-la-la-la	an alarm clock	He said "lightbulb."
It's my hot dog.	I don't need one.	What does "box" mean?
imitation	Ring the doorbell.	Put your hands up.
analytic	What's the matter?	Where's the mailman?
We like science.	introduction	an assembly
my to-do list	my report card	definition

Pattern 4e



la-la-la-la	potato chip	What time is it?
a hot dog stand	Whose turn is it?	my phone number
Jim killed a man.	We worked on it.	Let's eat something.
analysis	How tall are you?	How old are you?
invisible	insanity	untouchable
a platypus	ability	a maniac

Pattern 4f



la-la-la-la	supervisor	lighthouse keeper
permanently	window cleaner	cough medicine
demonstrated	race car driver	business meeting
category	January (jæn•yæ•wery)	February (feb•yæ•wery)
office supplies	progress report	baby-sitter
educator	thingamajig	dictionary