

# Begin at the beginning

## Stress in longer words

**A** **C18** Some words have more than two syllables. In every word, one syllable is stressed. Listen and repeat. **O** is the stressed syllable and **oo** the unstressed syllables.

Ooo		
exercise	syllable	There are three syllables in the word <i>exercise</i> .
ooOo		
computer	example	<i>Computer</i> is an example of a three-syllable word.
ooO		
understand	Japanese	I can't understand Japanese.
Oooo		
supermarket		Do you like small shops or supermarkets?
oOoo		
photography		Are you interested in photography?
ooOo		
information	mathematics	I'd like some information about mathematics courses.
oOooo		
vocabulary		Will you help me with my vocabulary?
ooOoo		
university		Which university did you go to?
oooOo		
communication		Email is very helpful for communication.



**B** **C19a** When you add syllables to words, the stress often stays on the same syllable. Listen and repeat.

begin	→	beginning
decide	→	decided
possible	→	impossible
sentence	→	sentences
interest	→	interesting

**C19b** But sometimes a different syllable is stressed. Listen and repeat.

electric	→	electricity
pronounce	→	pronunciation
photograph	→	photography
explain	→	explanation

## Exercises

31.1 Write these words.

EXAMPLE /bɪ'ɡɪnɪŋ/ beginning

1 /'ɪntəvju:/ .....

2 /mju:'zi:əm/ .....

3 /mæɡə'zi:n/ .....

4 /'defɪnətli/ .....

5 /ə'merɪkən/ .....

6 /pɒlɪ'tɪʃən/ .....

7 /næʃə'næləti/ .....

8 /fə'tɒɡrəfi/ .....



Listen to check your answers. Check with the Key. Then listen and repeat.

31.2 Listen and write the words in the correct column.



adjective   alphabet   cinema   eleven   furniture   grandmother   important  
reception   remember   tomorrow

Ooo

adjective

oOo

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Check your answers with the Key. Then listen and repeat.

31.3 Complete the sentences. Choose words with the correct stress from the box. You do not need all the words.

afternoon   bicycle   conversation   ~~delicious~~   discussion   exercises   expensive  
holiday   morning   normally   often   Saturday   seventeen   seventy   sixty  
Sunday   Sweden   Switzerland   telephone   today   yesterday

1 We had a oOo delicious meal on Ooo .....

2 We Ooo ..... go on Ooo ..... by car, but this time we're going by Ooo .....

3 I did ten grammar Oooo ..... Ooo .....

4 Is Ooo ..... an oOo ..... country?

5 My son's ooO ..... and my father's Ooo .....

6 I had a long Ooo ..... ooOo ..... this ooO .....



Listen to check your answers. Check with the Key. Then listen and repeat.

31.4 Six months of the year have three or four syllables. Write them on the correct line.

Oooo .....  
oOo September .....



Listen to check your answers. Check with the Key. Then listen and repeat.