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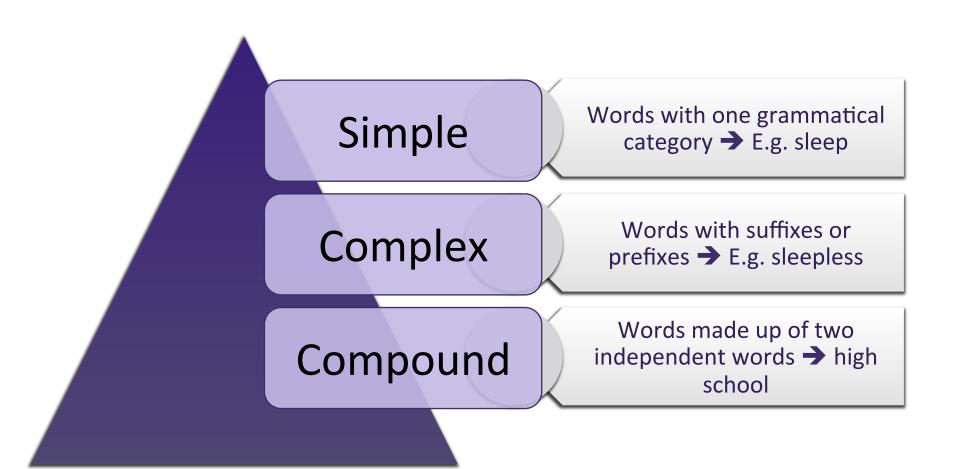
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Important features in deciding word stress placement

There are certain features of words, which determine which syllable in the word should be stressed:

- 1. The number of the syllables in the word
- 2. The phonological structure of the syllable that make up a word.
- 3. The grammatical category that the word belongs to; noun, verb, adjective, adverb... etc.
- 4. The morphological structure of the word; simple, complex, or compound.
- 5. Whether the word is of a specific type like reflexive pronouns, numbers, or abbreviations.



1- Complex words with prefixes:



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 Generally: the stress will be in the first syllable of the root or the stem.



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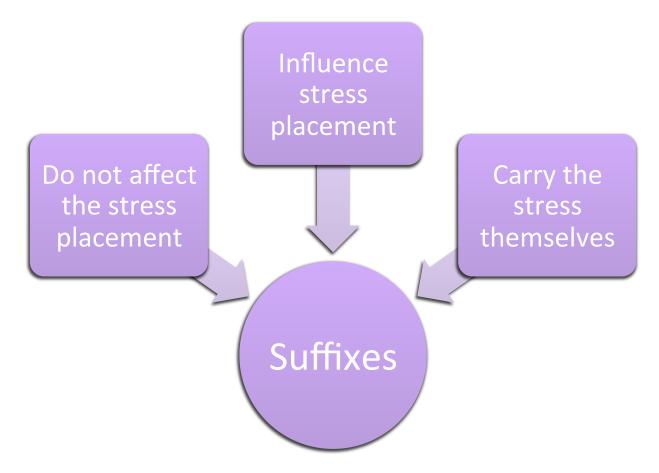
• When words with prefixes function as nouns the stress will be in the prefix or its first syllable.



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 Words may have different stress because of a different meaning: The prefix re- may cause different stress depending on whether it means again or not

2- Complex words with suffixes:



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 Suffixes that do not affect stress placement when they are added to words.



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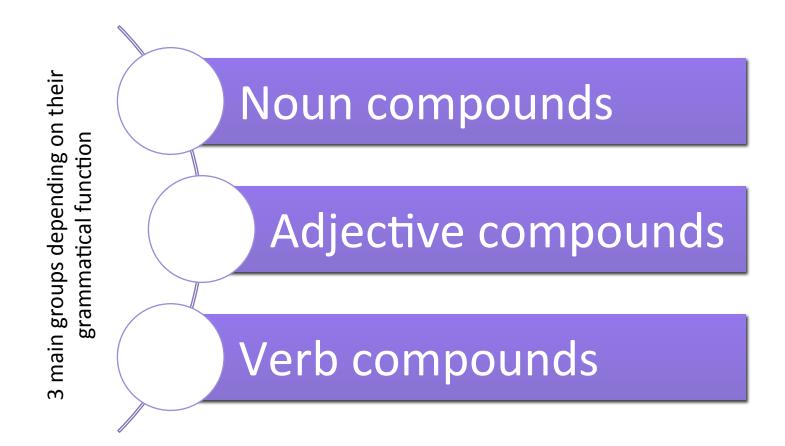
• Suffixes that influence stress placement in the words to which they are added to. In these words the addition of the suffix moves the stress to the last syllable of the root.



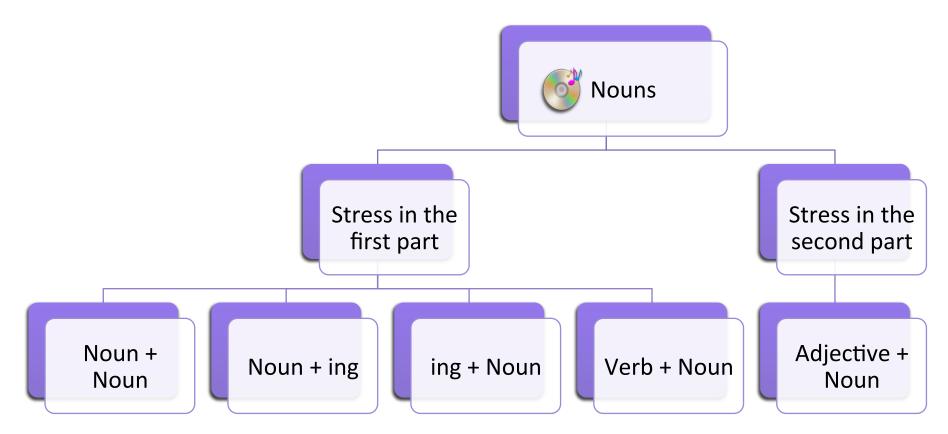
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• Suffixes that carry the stress themselves. In these words there is a secondary stress that falls in the initial syllable in root.

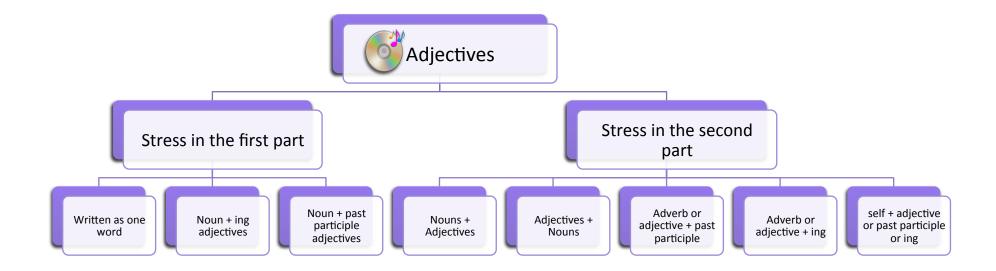
The stress placement largely depends on the grammatical category of the two parts and also the grammatical function the compound word has.



1- Noun compounds:



2- Adjectives compounds:

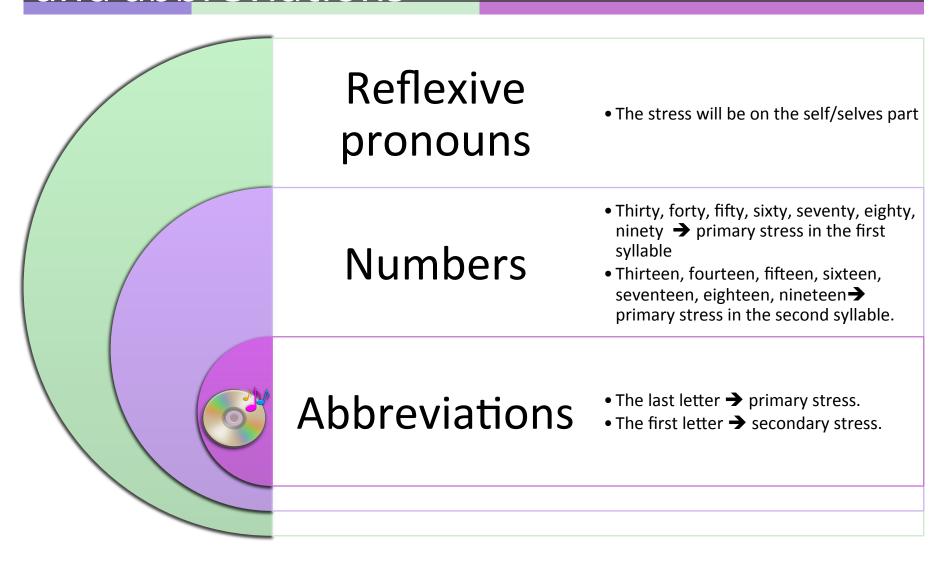




3- Verb compounds:

Verbs compounds are mostly made up of a noun and a verb and carry the primary stress in the first part.

Stress in reflexive pronouns, numbers, and abbreviations



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