

2.2. Stress-carrying suffixes:

The suffixes which attract the primary stress placement to the final syllable, they are also called stress-attracting suffixes, the most common ones are:

Rule: English words ending in -ade, -aire, ee, eer, ese, -ette, esque, eur, ique, oo, oon; the stress will be on the last/final syllable -ULT STRESS- or it may fall on the suffix.

Suffixes	Examples
-ade	Persuade /pə'sweɪd/, Dissuade/dɪ'sweɪd/
-aire	Questionnaire /,kwɛstʃə'neə/, Millionaire /,mɪljəə'neə/
-eur	Amateur /,æmə'tɜ:/, Entrepreneur /,ɒntrəprə'nɜ:/, Saboteur /,sæbə'tɜ:/, Raconteur /,rækɒn'tɜ:(r)/
-ee	Absentee /,æbsən'ti:/, Interviewee /,ɪntəvju:'i:/, Referee /,refə'ri:/, Employee /ɪm'plɔɪ:/
-eer	Engineer /,endʒi'nɪə/, Volunteer /,vɒlən'tɪə/, Pioneer /,paɪə'nɪə(r)/
-ese	Vietnamese /,viɛtnə'mi:z/, Portuguese /,pɔ:tjʊ'gi:z, -tʃʊ-/
-ette	Silhouette /,sɪlu'et/, Marionette /,marɪə'net/, Launderette /,lə:ndə'ret/
-esque	Romanesque /,rəʊmə'nesk/, Picturesque /,pɪktʃə'resk/, Arabesque /,ærə'besk/
-ique	Critique /kri'ti:k/, Technique /tek'ni:k/, Unique /ju'ni:k/
-oo	Kangaroo /,kæŋgə'ru:/, Shampoo /ʃæm'pu:/, Waterloo /,wɔ:tə'lu:/
-oon	Typhoon /taɪ'fu:n/, Balloon /bə'lu:n/

Exceptions: Igloo /'ɪɡlu:/, Cuckoo /'kʊku:/, Decade /'dekeɪd/, Comrade /'kɒmreɪd/, Coffee /'kɒfi/, Committee /kə'mɪti/.

2.3. Stress-shifting suffixes: The affixation of the suffix causes a change of the primary stress from one syllable of the stem to another one, but the stress remains in the stem, it often moves immediately to the syllable before the suffix or the one before it. Therefore, the stress falls on one of the stem syllables before the suffix added to the stem.

2.3.1. Stress on the Penultimate syllable: (Penultimate syllable = second syllable from the end)

2.3.1.1. Stress-shifting suffixes causing PENULT STRESS:

Rule: English words ending in -ic, -sion, and -tion; the stress will be on the second syllable from the end – PENULT STRESS– so on the syllable just before the suffix.

Suffix-ending	Examples for Transcription
-ic	Athletic /æθ'letɪk/, Economic /,i:kə'nɒmɪk/, Graphic /'græfɪk/, Geographic /,dʒɪə'græfɪk/, Philosophic /fɪlə'sɒfɪk/, Psychologic /,saɪkə'lɒdʒɪk/, Specific /spə'sɪfɪk/, Scientific /,saɪən'tɪfɪk/, Syntactic /sɪn'tæktɪk/, Semiotics /,semi'ɒtɪks/, Theoretic /θɪə'retɪk/, Linguistics /lɪŋ'gwɪstɪks/, Phonetics /fə'netɪks/.
-sion	Television /telɪ'vɪʒn/, Revision /rɪ'vɪʒn/, Elision /ɪ'lɪʒn/, Erosion /ɪ'rəʊʒn/
-tion	Relation /rɪ'leɪʃn/, Association /ə,səʊsɪ'eɪʃn/, participation /pɑ:tɪsɪ'peɪʃn/

Most common exceptions: Arabic /'ærəbɪk/, Arithmetic /ə'rɪθmətɪk/, Arsenic /'ɑ:sənɪk/, Heretic /'herɪtɪk/, Catholic /'kæθəlɪk/, Lunatic /'lu:nætɪk/, Politic /'pɒlɪtɪk/, Rhetoric /'retərɪk/.

2.3.1.2. Stress on the 2nd from the end: PENULT STRESS

The "LION" rule, English words ending in letter **L**, letter **E** or letter **U** followed by any number of vowels (**V n°**), optionally followed by any number of consonants (**C n°**) and optionally by silent letter **e**, stress the will be on the penult syllable; **2nd** syllable from the end.

a) Suffixes beginning with: letter *i* + V n° + (C n°) + (Silent e)

-ion	Generat <u>ion</u> / , dʒenə'reɪʃn/, Investigation	Constit <u>ion</u> / ,kɒnstɪ'tju:ʃn/
-ia	Colum <u>bia</u> /kə'lʌmbɪə/, Media /'mi:diə/	Cafet <u>eria</u> / ,kæfə'tɪəriə/
-ial	Indust <u>rial</u> /ɪn'dʌstriəl/, Serial /'sɪriəl/	Resident <u>ial</u> / ,rezi'denʃəl/
-ian	Histor <u>ian</u> /hɪ'stɔ:riən/, Alger <u>ian</u> /æ'l'dʒɪəriən/	Libr <u>arian</u> /laɪ'breəriən/
-iance	Luxur <u>iance</u> /lʌg'zʊəriəns/	Insouc <u>iance</u> /ɪn'su:siəns/
-iar	Famili <u>ar</u> /fə'mɪliə/	Peculi <u>ar</u> /pi'kju:liə/
-ience	Exper <u>ience</u> /ɪk'spiəriəns/	Impat <u>ience</u> /'ɪmpeɪjəns/
-ient	Profici <u>ent</u> /prə'fɪʃənt/, anc <u>ient</u> /'eɪnʃənt/	Suffici <u>ent</u> //sə'fɪʃənt/
-ious	Ambit <u>ious</u> /æm'bɪʃəs/, caut <u>ious</u> /'kɔ:ʃəs/	Superstit <u>ious</u> / ,su:pə'stɪʃəs/
-ior	Infer <u>ior</u> /ɪn'fɪəriə/, Seni <u>or</u> /'si:nɪə/	Super <u>ior</u> /su:'piəriə, /sju:'piəriə/
-iom / -iot	Idi <u>om</u> /'ɪdiəm/	Idi <u>ot</u> /'ɪdiət/
-ium	Gymnas <u>ium</u> /dʒɪm'neɪziəm/; Alumin <u>ium</u> / ,ælə'mɪniəm/, Aquar <u>ium</u> /ə'kweəriəm/	Muse <u>um</u> /mju:'zi:əm/, Medi <u>um</u> /'mi:diəm/, Uran <u>ium</u> /jʊ'reɪniəm/

b) Suffixes beginning with: letter *e* + V n° + (C n°) + (Silent e)

-ea	Are <u>a</u> /'eəriə/	Guine <u>a</u> /'ɡɪni/
-eal	Cere <u>al</u> /'sɪəriəl/, Line <u>al</u> /'li:niəl/	Larynge <u>al</u> /lə'rɪndʒiəl/
-ear	Line <u>ar</u> /'li:niə (r)/	
-ean	Mediterrane <u>an</u> / ,medɪtə'reɪniən/	Chile <u>an</u> /'tʃɪliən/; Europe <u>an</u> / ,jʊərə'pi:ən/; Kore <u>an</u> /kə'ri:ən/.
-eous	Courage <u>ous</u> /kə'reɪdʒəs/	Simultane <u>ous</u> / ,sɪməl'teɪniəs/

Common Exceptions: Idea /aɪ'diə/; Ideal /aɪ'diəl/; ordeal /ɔ:'di:l/.

c) Suffixes beginning with: letter *u* + V n° + (C n°) + (Silent e)

-ual	Habit <u>ual</u> /hə'bitʃuəl/	Perpet <u>ual</u> /pə'petʃuəl/
-uar	Jagu <u>ar</u> /'dʒæɡjʊə(r)/	
-uous	Superflu <u>ous</u> /su:'pɜ:fluəs/	Ambigu <u>ous</u> /æm'bɪɡjuəs/

2.3.1.3. The verbal suffix -ish: PENULT STRESS

This is a stress-shifting suffix found only in **verbs** (we can find the suffix -ish with adjective, but it is a neutral suffix like in: Child – Childish /'tʃaɪldɪʃ/).

Rule: English **verbs** ending in -ish carry the stress on the penult syllable, before this suffix.

E.g: Banish /'bæniʃ/, Nourish /'nʌriʃ/, Polish /'pɒliʃ/, Cherish /'tʃeriʃ/, Publish /'pʌbliʃ/. Abolish /ə'bɒliʃ/, Distinguish /dɪ'stɪŋɡwɪʃ/, Demolish /dɪ'mɒliʃ/, Establish /ɪ'stæbliʃ/, Fetish /'fetɪʃ/

Exception: The only one exception to this rule is the verb 'impoverish' /ɪm'pɒvəriʃ/ which is stressed on the 3rd syllable instead of the 2nd one from the end.

2.3.2. Stress on the ante-penultimate syllable: (ante-penultimate = third from the end)

Rule : English words ending in **-acy**, **-al**, **-ity**, **-ety**, **-itude** and ending in **-try**; the stress will be on the third syllable from the end –ANTEPENULT STRESS–.

Examples:

-acy	Aristocracy /,æri'stɒkrəsi/, Democracy /Di'mɒk.Rə.Si /, Pharmacy /'fɑ:məsi/, Prophecy /'prɒfəsi/, Supremacy /Su:'preməsi/.
-al	Critical /'krɪtɪkəl/, Geological /,dʒiə'lɒdʒɪkəl/, Political /Pə'lɪtɪkl/.
-ity, -ety	Ambiguity /,æmbɪ'gju:əti/, Creativity /,kri:er'tɪvəti/, Humanity /Hju:'mænəti/, Credibility /,kredɪ'bɪlɪti/, Dependability /Dɪpendɪ'bɪlɪti/, Necessity /Nə'sesɪti/, Opportunity /,ɒpə'tju:nəti/, University /,ju:nɪ'vɜ:sɪti/.
-itude	Attitude /'ætɪtju:d/, Aptitude /'æptɪtju:d/, Gratitude /'grætɪtju:d/, Latitude /'lætɪtju:d/.
-try	Geometry /Dʒi'ɒmətri/, Infantry /'ɪnfəntri/, Poetry /'pəʊətri/, Peasantry /'pezntri/.

2.4.2. Stress on the ante-penultimate syllable:

Rule: English words ending in **-graphy**, **-logy**, and **-meter**, will receive the primary stress on the antepenultimate syllable (3rd syllable from the end).

Examples:

-graphy	Bibliography /,bɪbli'ɒgrəfi/, Demography /Di'mɒg.Rə.Fi/, Geology /dʒi'ɒlədʒi/, Geography /Dʒɪ'ɒgrəfi/, Orthography /ɔ:'θɒgrəfi/, Photography /fə'tɒgrəfi/.
-logy	Apology /ə'pɒlədʒi/, Archeology /,ɑ:ki'ɒlədʒi/, Anthology /æn'θɒlədʒi/, Geology /dʒi'ɒlədʒi/, Methodology /,meθə'dɒlədʒi/.
-meter	Barometer /bə'rɒmɪtə(r)/, Parameter /pə'ræmɪtə(r)/, Thermometer /θə'mɒmɪtə(r)/.

2.4.3. Verbal endings causing Antepenult stress:

Rule: English **verbs** of three syllable or more ending in **-ate**, **-ize (ise)** or **-fy**, will have the primary stress on the antepenultimate syllable (3rd from the end).

Examples:

-ate	Calculate /'kælkjuleɪt/, Discriminate /Di'skrɪmɪneɪt/, Evaluate /ɪ'væljueɪt/, Generate /'dʒenəreɪt/, Hibernate /'haɪbəneɪt/, Investigate /ɪn'vestɪgeɪt/, Legitimate /Lə'dʒɪtɪmeɪt/, Participate /Pɑ:'tɪsɪpeɪt/, Separate /'sepəreɪt/.
-ize (ise)	Analyse /'ænəlaɪz/, Civilize /'sɪvəlaɪz/, Democratize /Di'mɒkrətaɪz/, Organize /'ɔ:gənəɪz/, Paralyse /'pærəlaɪz/, Publicise /'pʌblɪsaɪz/, Utilise /'ju:tɪlaɪz/
-fy	Clarify /'klærəfaɪ/, Dignify /'dɪgnɪfaɪ/, Identify /Aɪ'dentɪfaɪ/, Electrify /ɪ'lektrɪfaɪ/, Exemplify /ɪg'zemplɪfaɪ/, Nullify /'nʌlɪfaɪ/, Purify /'pʊrɪfaɪ/, Qualify /'kwɒlɪfaɪ/, Signify /'sɪgnɪfaɪ/, Simplify /'sɪmplɪfaɪ/, Solidify /Sə'lɪdɪfaɪ/.