

Word Stress Maze Activity

Trace a route through the maze following the words stressed on the first syllable (only), starting at the top-left corner. You can go left, right, up or down from each square. When you think that you have finished, your teacher will tell you which square you should finish on and then how many squares are stressed on the first syllable so you can check your answers.

Version 1

accent	volleyball	career	energy	equal	export (n)
convenience	update (n)	coordinator	Egypt	deflation	greenhouse
cooperation	alcohol	break up (v)	concert	Australia	image
photographer	allergy	energetic	collar	upgraded	Italy
exported	Austria	make up (v)	coffee	tobacco	makeup (n)
pyjamas	breakup	broken	cocktail	update (v)	ticket

Word Stress Maze Activity

Version 2

litre	begin	accelerator	luxurious	multitasking	complaint
nonsense	orange	Brazil	bucket	dozen	humour
presented	present (n)	Mongolia	cauliflower	cashier	Paris
restaurant	radio	enthusiasm	eyebrow	dis- advantage	Thailand
cottage	machine	romantic	helicopter	mechanic	pineapple
England	hamburger	liquid	discount (n)	again	lever

Mark the stress on the other words to make sure that none of them are stressed on the first syllable.

Word Stress Maze Activity Answers

The words stressed on the first syllable are in bold. The stressed syllables of the others are written in each square.

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accent	volleyball	career (2 nd)	energy	equal	export (n)
convenience (2 nd)	update (n)	coordinator (2 nd)	Egypt	deflation (2 nd)	greenhouse
cooperation (4 th)	alcohol	break up (v) (2 nd)	concert	Australia (2 nd)	image
photographer (2 nd)	allergy	energetic (3 rd)	collar	upgraded (2 nd)	Italy
exported (2 nd)	Austria	make up (v) (2 nd)	coffee	tobacco (2 nd)	makeup (n)
pyjamas (2 nd)	breakup	broken	cocktail	update (v) (2 nd)	ticket

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Version 2

litre	begin (2 nd)	accelerator (2 nd)	luxurious (2 nd)	multitasking (3 rd)	complaint (2 nd)
nonsense	orange	Brazil (2 nd)	bucket	dozen	humour
presented (2 nd)	present (n)	Mongolia (2 nd)	cauliflower	cashier (2 nd)	Paris
restaurant	radio	enthusiasm (2 nd)	eyebrow	dis-advantage (3 rd)	Thailand
cottage	machine (2 nd)	romantic (2 nd)	helicopter	mechanic (2 nd)	pineapple
England	hamburger	liquid	discount (n)	again (2 nd)	lever

Use the words above to find out the rules for these words:

- Most nouns
- Nouns and verbs with the same form (including phrasal verbs and nouns from them)
- Schwa (the “er” sound in “computer”)
- Prefixes like “un-” and “mis-”