

### Word stress maze activity

Trace a route through the maze by only following the words which are stressed on the first syllable, 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 try again if you haven't matched those things.

#### 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

#### 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 syllable of the other words is written in each square.

#### Version 1

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

#### Version 2

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

Use the words above to find out the word stress rules for these kinds of 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-”