Stress in two-syllable words
Many two-syllable words come from a one-syllable word e.g. artist (art), remove (move)

The stress is on the syllable of the original word
Examples

- Artist
- Remove
- Driver
- Rebuild
- Become
- Teacher
Nouns and Adjectives

- Most two-syllable nouns and adjectives have stress on the first syllable

  E.g. brother, lovely, table, printer, father, smelly
Exceptions to the rule!

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E.g. asleep, mistake, machine, alone (they all have stress on the second syllable)
Two-syllable verbs

- Most two-syllable verbs have stress on the second syllable

E.g. escape, forget, relax, enjoy
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E.g. cancel, copy

E.g. two syllable words ending in –er and –en such as answer, listen, happen, open, enter
Some words are both nouns and verbs e.g.

record, object

Record becomes a **noun** if you put the stress on the **first syllable**.

It becomes a **verb** if you put the stress on the **second syllable**.
Words that are nouns and verbs

Try these:

- Contrast
- Desert
- Export
- Present
- Produce
- Rebel
Exceptions to the rule!

There isn’t always a change of stress in words that are both nouns and verbs. E.g. Answer, picture, promise, reply, visit