

Accent Mark Patterns for Two Syllable Words

1. Accent on the 1st syllable (____' ____)

The accent is usually on the first syllable in two-syllable words

examples: *stan' dard* *sis' ter* *dol' lar*

2. Accent on the 2nd syllable (____ ____')

If the 1st syllable is a prefix and the 2nd syllable is a root, usually the 2nd syllable is accented.

examples: *ex tend'* *con fuse'* *pre tend'*

If the 2nd syllable is a suffix, accent the 1st syllable

example: *preach' er*

3. Accent on either the 1st or 2nd syllable(____' ____) or (____ ____')

examples: If a word can function as both a noun and verb,

the **noun** is accented on the prefix (**con' duct**)

the **verb** is accented on the root (**con duct'**)

Directions: Divide the following words into syllables and then using the rules above, place an accent mark on the accented syllable.

Part of Speech	ex. depart	de part'
	1. basket	
	2. admire	
	3. freeway	
	4. praying	
	5. pencil	
	6. artist	
	7. predict	
	8. payment	
	9. teacher	
	10. misfit	