

Exercise on stress on two-syllable words

I. Choose one word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from the others:

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| 1. a. <u>n</u> ature | b. <u>ch</u> ange | c. <u>g</u> rav <u>i</u> ty | d. <u>b</u> asic |
| 2. a. <u>dar</u> kness | b. <u>w</u> arm <u>th</u> | c. <u>mar</u> ket | d. <u>re</u> mar <u>k</u> |
| 3. a. <u>tr</u> ays | b. <u>s</u> ays | c. <u>b</u> ays | d. <u>da</u> ys |
| 4. a. <u>k</u> nees | b. <u>p</u> ap <u>er</u> s | c. <u>t</u> rees | d. <u>ba</u> ts |
| 5. a. <u>bec</u> ause | b. <u>n</u> ur <u>se</u> | c. <u>h</u> or <u>se</u> | d. <u>pur</u> pose |
| 6. a. <u>mar</u> riage | b. <u>ma</u> ssage | c. <u>col</u> lage | d. <u>shor</u> tage |
| 7. a. <u>en</u> ough | b. <u>to</u> ugh | c. <u>la</u> ugh | d. <u>th</u> ough |
| 8. a. <u>bre</u> athe | b. <u>w</u> ith | c. <u>th</u> ermal | d. <u>clo</u> thing |
| 9. a. <u>edu</u> cation | b. <u>in</u> dividual | c. <u>pro</u> cedure | d. <u>pro</u> ducti |
| 10. a. <u>re</u> leased | b. <u>ple</u> ased | c. <u>pas</u> sed | d. <u>hou</u> sed |
| 11. a. <u>hel</u> ped | b. <u>str</u> uggled | c. <u>re</u> marked | d. <u>wa</u> tched |
| 12. a. <u>air</u> ports | b. <u>sui</u> tcases | c. <u>th</u> ings | d. <u>cal</u> culators |
| 13. a. <u>fill</u> s | b. <u>add</u> s | c. <u>stir</u> s | d. <u>let</u> s |
| 14. a. <u>ce</u> ase | b. <u>ch</u> ase | c. <u>inc</u> rease | d. <u>rai</u> se |
| 15. a. <u>sh</u> ops | b. <u>no</u> tes | c. <u>mo</u> uths | d. <u>boo</u> ks |
| 16. a. <u>jump</u> ed | b. <u>p</u> icked | c. <u>rel</u> axed | d. <u>sui</u> ted |
| 17. a. <u>hook</u> ed | b. <u>kiss</u> ed | c. <u>trav</u> eled | d. <u>dimin</u> ished |
| 18. a. <u>pas</u> sed | b. <u>real</u> ized | c. <u>wish</u> ed | d. <u>touch</u> ed |
| 19. a. <u>en</u> joyed | b. <u>mov</u> ed | c. <u>ach</u> ieved | d. <u>lik</u> ed |
| 20. a. <u>wick</u> ed | b. <u>want</u> ed | c. <u>need</u> ed | d. <u>fill</u> ed |

II. Pick out the word that has the stress differently from that of the other words:

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| 1. a. recently | b. conduct | c. attitude | d. marriage |
| 2. a. banquet | b. schedule | c. diameter | d. blessing |
| 3. a. birthday | b. cowboy | c. enjoy | d. pleasure |
| 4. a. disease | b. humour | c. cancer | d. treatment |
| 5. a. persuade | b. reduce | c. offer | d. apply |
| 6. a. farmer | b. farewell | c. factory | d. fairy |
| 7. a. cattle | b. country | c. canal | d. cover |
| 8. a. money | b. machine | c. many | d. mother |
| 9. a. borrow | b. agree | c. await | d. prepare |
| 10. a. paper | b. tonight | c. lecture | d. story |
| 11. a. money | b. army | c. afraid | d. people |
| 12. a. enjoy | b. daughter | c. provide | d. decide |
| 13. a. begin | b. pastime | c. finish | d. summer |
| 14. a. reply | b. appeal | c. offer | d. support |
| 15. a. profit | b. comfort | c. apply | d. suggest |
| 16. a. direct | b. idea | c. suppose | d. figure |
| 17. a. revise | b. amount | c. contain | d. desire |
| 18. a. standard | b. happen | c. handsome | d. destroy |
| 19. a. about | b. around | c. between | d. under |
| 20. a. knowledge | b. enjoy | c. science | d. sudden |
| 21. a. because | b. method | c. standard | d. wooden |
| 22. a. ashtray | b. music | c. severe | d. temper |
| 23. a. farewell | b. thoughtful | c. toward | d. approach |
| 24. a. bridegroom | b. bamboo | c. wedding | d. survey |
| 25. a. healthy | b. remain | c. alone | d. accept |
| 26. a. explain | b. obtain | c. promise | d. suspect |
| 27. a. confide | b. agree | c. maintain | d. response |
| 28. a. precede | b. suppose | c. decide | d. finish |
| 29. a. abroad | b. noisy | c. hundred | d. quiet |
| 30. a. passion | b. aspect | c. medium | d. success |

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| 31. a. exist | b. evolve | c. enjoy | d. enter |
| 32. a. doctor | b. modern | c. corner | d. Chinese |
| 33. a. complain | b. machine | c. music | d. instead |
| 34. a. writer | b. baker | c. builder | d. career |
| 35. a. provide | b. adopt | c. happen | d. inspire |
| 36. a. result | b. region | c. river | d. robot |
| 37. a. constant | b. basic | c. irate | d. obvious |
| 38. a. become | b. carry | c. appoint | d. invent |
| 39. a. engine | b. battle | c. career | d. rabies |
| 40. a. attract | b. destroy | c. level | d. occur |
| 41. a. spaceship | b. planet | c. solar | d. surround |
| 42. a. brilliant | b. daily | c. extreme | d. protein |
| 43. a. appoint | b. gather | c. threaten | d. vanish |
| 44. a. button | b. canal | c. failure | d. monster |
| 45. a. disease | b. humour | c. cancer | d. treatment |
| 46. a. persuade | b. reduce | c. offer | d. apply |
| 47. a. farmer | b. farewell | c. factory | d. fairy |
| 48. a. cattle | b. country | c. canal | d. cover |
| 49. a. money | b. machine | c. many | d. mother |
| 50. a. borrow | b. agree | c. await | d. prepare. |
| 51. a. paper | b. police | c. people | d. purpose |
| 52. a. damage | b. destroy | c. demand | d. deny |
| 53. a. ancient | b. attack | c. alive | d. across |
| 54. a. person | b. purpose | c. possess | d. pirate |
| 55. a. ruler | b. river | c. retire | d. rapid |
| 56. a. sentence | b. suggest | c. species | d. system |
| 57. a. attack | b. defeat | c. believe | d. happen |
| 58. a. release | b. pleasure | c. leave | d. creamy |

Key:

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1c, 2b, 3b, 4d, 5a, 6b, 7d, 8c, 9c, 10b, 11b, 12a, 13d, 14d, 15c, 16d, 17c, 18b, 19d, 20d.

II. Stress:

1b, 2c, 3c, 4a, 5c, 6b, 7c, 8b, 9a, 10b, 11c, 12b, 13a, 14c, 15a, 16d, 17b, 18d, 19d, 20b, 21a, 22c, 23b, 24b, 25a, 26c, 27d, 28d, 29a, 30d, 31d, 32d, 33c, 34d, 35c, 36a, 37c, 38b, 39c, 40c, 41d, 42c, 43a, 44b, 45a, 46c, 47b, 48c, 49b, 50a, 51b, 52a, 53a, 54c, 55c, 56b, 57d, 58a.