




# Pronunciation and wordstress

1. The two characters are conversing about the critical question of mendacity.
2. Brick is unable to concentrate because his brain is saturated with alcoholic beverages.
3. As the patriarch is going to pass away, the whole family is on the verge of dislocation.
4. The playwright painted the American South as a dying society in a considerable decadence.

	NO SUFFIX : Stress on syllable -3 (but there are exceptions)	COMPOUND WORD Stress on the left element (but there are exceptions)	PREFIXED verb or PREFIXED adjective : Stress on the root (but there are exceptions)	Presence of a weak suffix : the stressed syllable is the same
Cha rac ter	X			
Con verse			X	
Con ver sing				X
Un a ble			X	
Al co hol	X			
Be ve rage	X			
Be ve ra ges				X
Pa tri arch	X			
Fa mi ly	X			
Play wright		X		
A me ri ca	X			
A me ri can				X
So ci e ty	X			
Con si der			X	
Con si de ra ble			X	X
De ca dence	X			

	Stress on syllable -2  -ION / -IOUS -IAN / -IAL -UAL / -UOUS -EOUS / -EAN -ISH (for a verb) / -IC (but there are exceptions)	Stress on syllable -3  -ITY / -IFY -ATE [ət] / ATE [eit] -LAR -OUS [əs] (but there are exceptions)	Stress on syllable -3 or -4  -ARY -ORY	Presence of a weak suffix : the stressed syllable is the same
Cri ti cal	X			X
Men da ci ty		X		
Con cen trate		X		
Sa tu rate		X		
Sa tu ra ted		X		X
Dis lo ca tion	X			

1. The two **characters** are **conversing** **about** the **critical** **question** of **mendacity**. 
2. Brick is **unable** to **concentrate** because his **brain** is **saturated** with **alcoholic** **beverages**. 
3. As the **patriarch** is **going** to **pass away**, the **whole** **family** is on the **verge** of **dislocation**. 
4. The **playwright** **painted** the **American** **South** as a **dying** **society** in a **considerable** **decadence**. 