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## Stress and Accents

**1) When a word ends in N, S or a vowel, place the stress on the SECOND TO LAST syllable.  
(Notice how the second to last letter in "second" and "last" are N and S)**

Práctica: Underline the stressed syllable in the following words and then say each one:

centro = cen / tro

pasteles

piscina

computadora

cruzamos

parque

mantequilla

escriben

generalmente

**2) When words ends in a consonant (except: S or N), place the stress on the last syllable.  
(Notice how the last letter in "last" is a consonant)**

Práctica: Underline the stressed syllable in the following words and then say each one:

señor = se / ñor

nariz

escribir

capaz

reloj

arroz

trabajador

comer

español

**3) When a word has a written accent mark it doesn't follow one of the rules above and you should place the stress on the syllable with the accent.**

Práctica: Underline the stressed syllable in the following words and then say each one:

semáforo = se / má / fo / ro

número

teléfono

difícil

película

lápiz

fácil

plátano

artístico

Sometimes accent marks are used for other reasons:

**4) Accent marks are used to distinguish meaning in one syllable words.**

ex: si/sí      el/él      tu/tú      mi/mí

**5) Accent marks are used on question words when they are asking a question.**

ex: ¿Cuándo estudias?-When do you study?

Estudio cuando hay un examen.-I study when there is a test.