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## What Makes a Syllable Prominent? Four Factors:

In order to decide on stress placement, it is necessary to make use of some or all of the following information:

- i) Whether the word is morphologically **simple**, or whether it is **complex** as a result either of containing one or more **affixes** (i.e. prefixes or suffixes) or of being **a compound word**.
- ii) What the **grammatical category** of the word is (noun, verb, adjective, etc.).
- iii) **How many syllables** the word has.
- iv) What the **phonological structure** of those syllables is.

### Single- syllable words:

One-syllable words present no problems: if they are pronounced in isolation they are said with **primary stress**.

- A **strong syllable** has a rhyme with either (1) a syllable peak which is a **long vowel** or **diphthong**, with or without a **following consonant** (coda). Examples:
- or (2) a syllable peak which is a **short vowel**, one of  
**I, e, æ, ʌ, ɒ, U,**

followed by at least **one consonant**. Examples: 'bat' /bat/

'much' mʌtʃ

'pull' pʊl

A **weak syllable** has a syllable peak which consists of one of the vowels {, i, u and no coda except when the vowel is **a**. Syllabic consonants are also **weak**. Examples:

'fa' in 'sofa'

'səʊfə

'zy' in 'lazy' 'leɪzi

'flu' in 'influence' 'ɪnfluəns

'en' in 'sudden' 'sʌdn

The vowel **I** may also be the peak of a **weak syllable** if it occurs before a consonant that is initial in the syllable that follows it. Examples:

'bi' in 'herbicide' 'hɜ:bɪsaɪd

'e' in 'event' ɪ'vent

(However, this vowel is also found frequently as the peak of stressed syllables, as in 'thinker' 'θɪŋkə, 'input' 'ɪnpʊt.)

The important point to remember is that, although we do find unstressed strong syllables (as in the last syllable of 'dialect' 'daɪəlekt), *only* strong syllables can be stressed. Weak syllables are always unstressed. This piece of knowledge does not by any means solve all the problems of how to place English stress, but it does help in some cases.