L1/S1 Anglais: Outils d'apprentissage

Exercise 1:

,jour na 'lis tic

- √ 4-syllable word
- ✓ Neutral suffix? No → Therefore, stress-imposing suffix -IC
- ✓ Rule? Main stress on the penultimate (2nd last) syllable
- ✓ BUT, it's not possible to have 2 unstressed syllables beside each other at the beginning of a word: JOUR NA
- ✓ AND it's not possible to stress NA as not possible to have 2 stressed syllables beside each other → Therefore, secondary stress /,/ on the first syllable.

com 'me mor ate

- √ 4-syllable word
- ✓ Neutral suffix? No → Therefore, stress-imposing suffix -ATE
- ✓ Rule? Main stress on the antepenultimate (3rd last) syllable
- ✓ No need for secondary stress as only one syllable before the stressed syllable.

bi 'og ra phy

- √ 4-syllable word
- ✓ Neutral suffix? No → Therefore, stress-imposing suffix -GRAPHY
- ✓ Rule? Main stress on the antepenultimate (3rd last) syllable
- ✓ No need for secondary stress as only one syllable before the stressed syllable.

,bi og 'ra phic

- √ 4-syllable word
- ✓ Neutral suffix? No → Therefore, stress-imposing suffix -IC
- ✓ Rule? Main stress on the penultimate (2nd last) syllable
- ✓ BUT, it's not possible to have 2 *unstressed* syllables beside each other at the beginning of a word: BI OG → Therefore, secondary stress /,/ on the first syllable.

• ,Ja pa 'nese & gaz 'elle

✓ See the first table, handbook p. 45: identical consonants (like *cigar'ette*) → main stress on final syllable.

'po si tive

- √ 3-syllable word
- ✓ Neutral suffix? No → Therefore, stress-imposing suffix -ITIVE
- ✓ Rule? Main stress on the antepenultimate (3rd last) syllable

'plea sing ly

✓ Neutral suffixes -ING and -LY → stress on the remaining syllable PLEA

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• 'gradually

- ✓ Neutral suffix -LY → Remove the suffix -LY → Left with adjective gradual
- ✓ Rule for 2-syllable adjectives? Main stress on the first syllable

• 'hope ful

✓ Neutral suffix -FUL → no impact on the pronunciation of the word → one-syllable word *hope*.

• fi 'nan cial ly

- √ 4-syllable word
- ✓ Neutral suffix? YES → Remove the suffix -LY → Left with adjective financial
- √ financial: stress-imposing suffix -IAL
- ✓ Rule? Main stress on the penultimate (2nd last) syllable NAN

Exercise 2:

mu'si cian	/ mju(ː)ˈzɪʃʰn /
'picture (2-syllable noun)	/ˈpɪkʧə ^r /
cre'ate (2-syllable verb)	/ kri(:)'eɪt /
Chin'ese	/ ˌʧaɪˈniːz /
ge'ology	/ dzi'nbela'ızb /
per'suade (2-syllable verb)	/ pə ^r ˈsweɪd /
'finish (An exception – 2-syllable verb with its main stress on the first syllable!)	/ 'fɪnɪʃ /
kanga'roo	/ ˌkæŋgəˈruː /