

PRONUNCIATION: Mark the sentence the teacher said. Talk about what the sentences mean.

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| 1. Did she make the bed?        | Did she make the bet?       |
| 2. Did you lock it?             | Did you log it?             |
| 3. I heard about the race.      | I heard about the raise.    |
| 4. Take a cap.                  | Take a cab.                 |
| 5. I forgot my lab coat?        | I forgot my lab code?       |
| 6. Should I put it in the back? | Should I put it in the bag? |

In two-syllable words in English, the stress is often on the first syllable if it is a noun and the second syllable if it is a verb. EX: We gave her a **present**. She's going to **present** the award.

**Mark the syllable** that should be pronounced in the underlined words. Ask about any words you don't understand.

NOUN	VERB
Her <u>conduct</u> is intolerable.	She <u>conducts</u> herself well.
The decrease in rainfall has resulted in dry conditions.	The rainfall will decrease in the summer.
He didn't win the <u>contest</u> .	Do you think he will <u>contest</u> the election?
The desert gets drier every year.	Please don't <u>desert</u> me!
You need a permit to dig a deep hole.	The city won't <u>permit</u> digging.
She hasn't made much <u>progress</u> .	She will <u>progress</u> faster if she has a tutor.
I <u>marched</u> in a protest about racism.	We <u>protest</u> against racism every day.
She set the record for the 10K <u>run</u> .	I <u>record</u> all the winners.
The man in the dark coat is a police <u>suspect</u> .	They <u>suspect</u> him of murder.

**Read these paragraphs. Pay attention to the pronunciation of the underlined words. Tell whether the underlined word is a noun or a verb. In your group discuss how to solve the problem of each person.**

1-There is so much conflict in our marriage. I really can't stand it any more. I come home after a stressful day at work, hoping to relax. But my husband and I fight. I am conflicted about what I should do?

*What advice would you give this couple? Should they seek counseling? Should they separate? Should they try to work things out themselves?*

2-It is so cold in my office in the summer. Someone always sets the air conditioner very low. I am so cold that I have to put on a sweater. I feel silly wearing a sweater when the temperature is near 100 outside. I objected to the temperature being set so low. The boss said the object of setting it low, was to keep everyone awake and energetic. He said when it's too warm, people fall asleep at their desks. I am going to talk to all the employees about this issue. I can't believe I'm the only one freezing.

Do you think the woman should protest, or should she just be quiet about it and wear a sweater? What would you do in the same situation?

3-My best friend is getting married. She wants a big, expensive wedding. The problem is her parents can't really afford to pay for it. They hope she will agree to a smaller, less expensive wedding. They suggest she get married in their church, then have the reception at their home. But my friend doesn't like this idea at all. She says she would be embarrassed to have her friends to her parents house. She wants to have the wedding in one of the big downtown hotels. The parents feel she has insulted them. She feels like it is an insult to be asked to have a cheap wedding.

What advice would you give the girl who is getting married? Do you think she is spoiled? Do you think it's unreasonable to expect parents to provide a nice wedding for their children? Who should decide what kind of wedding? What advice would you give the parents?

4. The cost of living has increased significantly. But there has been little increase in wages. So many people have to make do with less. It isn't fair. The factory owners are getting wealthy, while the workers sink into poverty. I joined a protest group at our company. We protested against more raises for the managers. We wanted our salaries raised to match the cost of living. Now we are afraid we will lose our jobs because of our participation. Maybe I should have just stayed quiet about it.

Do you agree that the person should have just kept quiet? Have you ever faced a situation like this? What did you do? What would you do in this situation?

5. We went to the basketball game the other night. The referees were really awful and our team lost. Most people felt we would have won if the referees hadn't made so many bad calls. Lots of people were booing the referees. A few people threw paper cups onto the court. The bad behavior of the fans upset me. But my husband was angry because the game was an upset. Our team was expected to win and played well enough to win if it weren't for all the penalties.

Have you ever been in a similar situation? Is it OK to boo the referees? Is this impolite? What would you have done in this situation?

6. I bought a pair of shoes several weeks ago. After wearing them a few times, my feet hurt. A blister formed on my heel because the shoes were too loose. I took them back to the store and asked for a refund. The employee said they couldn't refund my money because I had worn the shoes. I asked her how I could know the shoes would hurt my feet if I didn't wear them. She told me it was against store policy to refund money on something that was worn. I feel cheated.

Have you ever had this experience? What should the person have done? Do you think it would be helpful to ask to speak to a manager? Should she post a negative online review of the store? What would you do?