Word stress practice

Classes 3–5 · In English, one part of a longer word is said a little louder and longer. That part is stressed.

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1. Say it and underline the strong part

> Example: ba-**NA**-na. Try saying it the wrong way round (BA-na-na) to hear the difference.

ba-na-na	to-ma-to	pen-cil
el-e-phant	com-pu-ter	hol-i-day
to-mor-row	beau-ti-ful	to-geth-er
im-por-tant	ba-sket	a-bout

2. Same spelling, different stress

> Stress on the first part is often a thing (noun); stress on the second part is often an action (verb).

Thing (noun)	Action (verb)	Make up a sentence
a **RE**cord	to re**CORD**	
a **PRE**sent	to pre**SENT**	
an **OB**ject	to ob**JECT**	
a **DE**sert	to de**SERT**	
a **CON**test	to con**TEST**	

3. Sentence stress: say the coral word strongly. How does the meaning change?

I want the **red** ball. → _____

I want the red ball. → _____

I want the red **ball**. → _____