

Other Uses of the V/VC Stress Rule A Sample

In the lessons of W-6, you used the V/VC Stress Rule (VSR) for words with *-al*, *-ous*, *-vnt*, *-vnce*, and *-vncy* endings and *ic* Keys. The rule also applies to other common word groups, such as *-an* (NOUNS & ADJECTIVES), *-en* (NOUNS), *-on* (NOUNS), *-is*, *-oid*, *-um*, *-us* and *ible* Keys, e.g. *véteran*, *hýdrogen*, *léxicon*, *análysis*, *célluloid*, *contínuum*, *éxodus*, *fállible*.

As you have seen, the VSR allows stress to pass from a V or VC Key to the Left Syllable. It also allows stress to pass from a VCI or VCr Key to the Left Syllable. This accounts for the stress of some words already listed as exceptions: *lúdicr_ous*, *chívalr_ous*, *idólatr_ous*. And it accommodates the *ible* Key in words like *combústible*.

From a V or VC(l/r) Key:
Stress Left. If you can't Stress Left, Stress Key.

- Look through your GAT and SAT words. Write down at least eight examples of words ending in *-an* (NOUNS & ADJECTIVES), *-en* (NOUNS), *-on* (NOUNS), *-is*, *-oid*, *-um*, *-us* and *ible* Keys. Mark the stress of each word. Practice these words aloud. If you cannot find at least eight examples from your personal GAT and SAT words, look through your Focus Text. As a last resort, return to the list of GAT words on pp. 2-4 of the workbook to complete your eight examples.

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* Some common stress exceptions to note: *Japán*, *pecán*, *sedán*, *Sudán*; *á*llergen, *elé*ven; *batón*, *salón*, *asýlum*, *envíron*, *horízon*, *-hédron* words (e.g. *polyhédron*); *átis*, *é*sis, *ó*sis words but not *génesis* or *-thesis* words; *crýstalloid*, *hémorrhoid*, *métalloid* and *-thýroid* words; *átum*, *étum*, *órum* words (e.g. *ultimátum*); *átus*, *étus* words (e.g. *apparátus*), *-vírus* words (e.g. *poliovírus*).