

English Pronunciation in Use  
22 Introducing word stress

B Different words have different stress patterns (pattern of stressed and unstressed syllables)  
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<b>m</b> orning	<b>th</b> irteen	y <b>es</b> terday	<b>e</b> leventh	Twenty- <b>one</b>
<b>S</b> unday	<b>to</b> day	<b>h</b> oliday		
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C Stress patterns can help you hear the difference between similar words, for example, numbers ending in **-teens** or **-ty**

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thirteen	thirty
fourteen	forty
sixteen	sixty
eighteen	eighty
nineteen	ninety