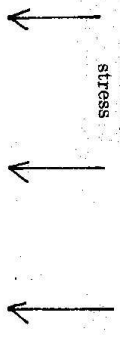


**Tertiary stress – after primary stress**

In multi-syllabic words, there is sometimes a rhythmic beat on a syllable after the primary stress. This syllable is not usually accented when the word is in a sentence. It is marked . and referred to as tertiary stress.

canibalism  
 primary stress tertiary stress



**EXERCISE 48**

AIM: TO RECOGNISE TERTIARY STRESS AFTER THE PRIMARY STRESS WHEN YOU HEAR A WORD.  
 TO MARK PRIMARY AND TERTIARY STRESS.

Listen to the following words and phrases on the cassette. Each has two stressed syllables, with the earlier stressed syllable carrying the primary stress. Mark the stressed syllables, as in the example on page 45. The first one is done for you.

1. rain, forest
2. octosyllable
3. revisionism
4. caretaker
5. castaway
6. undercarriage
7. upbringing
8. obstructionism
9. officeholder
10. estate agent
11. record library
12. Oedipus complex
13. uncertainty principle

**EXERCISE 49**

AIM: TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN: PRIMARY STRESS + TERTIARY STRESS e.g. 'super, market  
 SECONDARY STRESS + PRIMARY STRESS e.g. 'super, sonite

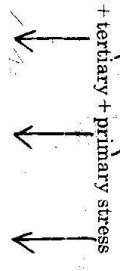
Look up the following items in the dictionary and check the stress. Mark the stress.

1. safebreaker
2. safe-conduct
3. safe-deposit
4. safekeeping
5. safety curtain
6. safety-first

**Tertiary stress – between secondary and primary stress**

There is another context in which tertiary stress occurs. Words with secondary and primary stress sometimes have a rhythmic beat between the secondary and primary stress. This is marked . and referred to as tertiary stress.

indefensibility  
 secondary + tertiary + primary stress



**EXERCISE 50**

AIM: TO RECOGNISE PRIMARY, SECONDARY AND TERTIARY STRESS WHEN YOU HEAR WORDS.  
 TO MARK PRIMARY, SECONDARY AND TERTIARY STRESS.

Listen to the following words and phrases on the cassette. Each has three stressed syllables, with the last stressed syllable carrying the primary stress. Mark the secondary, tertiary and primary stress in these words and phrases. The first one is done for you.

1. co,education
2. intercontinental
3. sadomasochistic
4. valetudinarian
5. Received pronunciation
6. co-efficient of friction
7. occupational therapy

**EXERCISE 51**

AIM: TO RECOGNISE STRESS PATTERNS OF WORDS WHEN YOU HEAR THEM (MIXED PATTERNS).

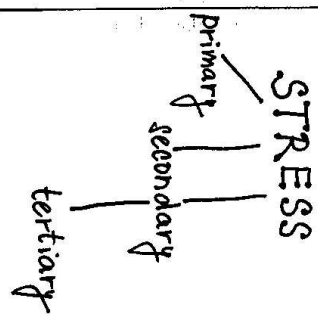
Listen to the following words on the cassette. Mark the stress.

1. tyrannicide
2. indivisibility
3. sacrificial
4. caretaker
5. liberator
6. adolescence
7. sacrosanct
8. intellectual
9. unconventionality
10. capitalism

**EXERCISE 52**

AIM: TO USE THE DICTIONARY TO CHECK STRESS PATTERNS.

- a. Mark what you think is the stress pattern on the following words.
- b. Then look each word up, and check if your stress marking is correct. Write the correct stress marking, if necessary.



**Correct stress marking**

1. habitate
2. habilitation
3. habit
4. habitability
5. habitat
6. habitation
7. habit-forming

**Your stress marking**

1. habitate
2. habilitation
3. habit
4. habitability
5. habitat
6. habitation
7. habit-forming