

Your homework will be to
a/ decide about these 9 stress patterns
b/ practice reading them in a rhythmic way,
following the 3 rules of English stress and
rhythm:
1 You only stress words which you would put
in a text message
2 Stressed syllables come at regular intervals
3 Any unstressed syllables at the beginning of
the stress group are said very quickly.

STRESS PATTERNS

1

We shall be sending samples to the houses.
It's an amazing technical achievement!
It was a very memorable occasion.
He must collect the parcel from the office.
As has been said, her husband was a bully.
It was a most incredible adventure!
You can be sure the question's been debated.
There were a dozen packets in the locker.
Will you be coming early in the morning?
We'll be competing later in the season.

Pattern 1 done for you as an example:

11 syllables, stresses on the 4th, the 6th and the 10th syllable.

Now process the remaining 8 paragraphs (containing 10 sentences each of the same pattern) yourself.

2

There should be time to distribute the leaflets.
Is he to wait till the end of the meeting?
You should allow them some time for revision.
As we expected, the men were successful.
There are reports from the Heads of Departments.
He must give fuller instructions to guide them.
It isn't anything like as expensive.

It was a strange but compelling performance.
There's an immediate demand for recordings.
The introduction was very impressive.

3

It would have been better to introduce them.
We're to be in Tankerton for the gala.
It'll be an interesting invitation.
He'll have been suggested as the successor.
We'd have introduced you to the conductor.
There was a collection for his retirement.
There's been an agreement with the employers.
We shall have completed the irrigation.
This'll be reported to the contractors.
We should have discussed it with them in April.

4

The intimacy of the theatre's attractive.
He's working for an international agreement.
We wonder if it would be tactful to tell them.
He thinks you could have been considerably smarter.
The visitors were in the theatre before them.
Penelope should have distributed leaflets.
Whenever d'you think you can get the remainder?
He signalled to us that the steamer was leaving.
We gather that he'd be prepared to allow it.
The Constables are at the end of the landing.

5

We arranged for the passage of the training-ship.
We'll contest the election for the Chairmanship.
There'll be numerous occasions for displaying them.
We've a quantity ready for the customers.
We expected the Manager to answer it.
He collected the money from the Embassy.
She's expecting a letter from the President.
We shall ask him to forward them immediately.
He's appointed a leader for the orchestra.
The Commission's reported to the Minister.

6

He recovered the instruments from the wreckage.
Did she furnish the drawing-room as she'd planned to?
She reminded the manager of his promise.
His supporters were shocked at the information.
We enjoyed the performances at the theatre.
She can study the literature at her leisure.
You must cancel the papers as you'll be travelling.
You can see that he merited the distinction.
He was driving to Edinburgh for the meeting.
Can you promise the television for Thursday?

7

You should put the disinfectant in the water.
He'll be working at his book until the evening.

We shall want to fix reciprocal agreements.
You can see a list of members in the office.
There were two of them, Miss Wilson and her brother.
To begin with, we must row into the harbour.
He's delighted at the sales of his invention.
There's an excellent selection of recordings.
She's received her invitation to the concert.
You must study for the scholarship to Oxford.

8

He'll be returning to Birmingham in August.
There are some buckets of water in the garden.
We shall be moving to Grantchester in April.
It's been an interesting journey for the tourists.
We'll be at Paddington Station in the morning.
Did she remember to phone them from her uncle's?
He was in Nottingham later in the evening.
He was presented with cheques at his retirement.
He was at Trinity College for the session.
We could have rented the villa for the summer.

9

It was the finest of its kind that we could buy.
We were expecting to elect him to the Board.
We should have liked to be in London for the day.
Are we agreed upon a holiday in France?
Will you be carrying the water from the well?
Can you be certain he'll be there until July?
This is an excellent beginning to the work.
She thinks he's moving from the country to the town.
He was the Secretary for Industry and Trade.
We must remember to renew it in the Spring.