

Listen and the Say. Notice the difference in pronunciation and stress.

<b>NOUN</b>	<b>VERB</b>
CONduct	conDUCT
ATtribute	attrIBute
COMbat	comBAT
CONflict	conFLICT
CONtest	conTEST
CONtract	conTRACT
DEcrease	deCREASE
EScort	esCORT
IMpact	imPACT
INcrease	inCREASE
INsult	inSULT
OBject	obJECT
PERmit	perMIT
PREsent	preSENT
PROceed	proCEED

<b>NOUN</b>	<b>VERB</b>
PROgress	proGRESS
PROject	proJECT
REbel	reBEL
REfill	reFILL
REfund	reFUND
REject	reJECT
REpeat	rePEAT
SUBject	subJECT
SUSpect	susPECT

Drill the pronunciation of the words both as a class and individually. Point out the pattern – the stress goes on the first syllable if it is a noun and the second syllable if it is a verb.

## Practice Sentences

1. There was a large increase in our Q3 sales numbers.
2. Our market share increased over the last year.
3. The speaker projected his voice in order to be heard.
4. This is one of the most difficult projects I have ever worked on.
5. Stanley attributed his success to his positive attributes.
6. I was insulted by the low offer they made me.
7. The package they offered me was an insult.
8. Because we did not have the necessary permits, we had to postpone the grand opening.
9. Smoking is not permitted in the building.
10. The annual conference conflicts with my vacation plans.
11. The customer service representative handled the conflict with the customer.
12. The proceeds from the auction will go to charity.
13. If there are no further questions, I'd like to proceed with the next part of my presentation.
14. She asked for a refund because the product was defective.
15. Should we refund their money?
16. This situation is a repeat of what happened last year.
17. I'm sorry, could you repeat that please?
18. They said that they are prepared to sign the contract.
19. The economy contracted last year.
20. I have to leave early today to buy Christmas presents for the kids.
21. Who is going to present next?