

S T R E S S I N C O M P L E X W O R D S

complex words

- derivatives:** word + affix (*water* + -y / -less / -ing)
- compounds:** word + word (*water* + -fall / -proof)

compounds	
most deriv. suffixes with -y	'glossary, 'imagery, 'sensory, 'delicacy, 'lazily, 'difficulty, 'amplify
-ish (adj)	'yellowish, 'foolish, 'childish, e'levenish
-ism	'alcoholism
-ful	'purposeful, 'graceful, 'beautiful (=adjectives /f /) 'pocketful, 'spoonful, 'handful (=amounts /fʊl/)
-less	'powerless, 'spiritless, 'meaningless
-al	'practical, re'moval, re'fusai, edu'cational, pro'fessional
-ment	en'joyment, re'tirement
-ness	'happiness, 'sadness
-wise	'otherwise, 'clockwise
-en	'widen, 'broaden, 'blacken
-er	'leader

suffixes with primary stress („stress-attracting“)	
-ee	interview'ee /,ɪntəvju'i:/, employ'ee, addre'ssee, trai'nee, refe'ree, refu'gee, pay'ee, licen'see, absen'tee
-eer	volun'teer, mountai'neer, profi'teer, auctio'neer, racke'teer
-ese	Vietna'mese, Portu'guese, Japa'nese, journa'lese, mothe'rese, legal'ese
-ette	ciga'rette, launde'rette, ushe'rette, kitche'nette, mario'nette
-esque	pictu'resque, roma'nesque, gro'tesque, ara'besque, pica'resque, Kafka'esque
-ain (verbs)	enter'tain, ascer'tain

suffixes shifting stress to the last syllable of the stem („stress-fixing“)	
-ion	medi'tation, presen'tation, civili'zation, pro'fession, re'ligion, multipli'cation
-ian	mathema'tician, ma'gician, elec'trician, mu'sician, op'tician, stati'stician
-ic	eco'nomi, cli'matic, sym'bolic, sy'mmetric, hi'storic, hi'storical
-ity	tran'quillity, elec'tricity, sim'plicity, possi'bility
-eous	cou'rageous /kə'reɪdʒəs/, advan'tageous /ædvən'teɪdʒəs/, consci'entious /,kɒnʃi'enjəs/
-ial	pro'verbial, refe'rential, experi'ential

prefixes are mostly stress-neutral: *unbe'lievable, inco'rrect, pre'nuptual*
 !!! /'ɪnfɪnɪt/, /'nɒnsəns/

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compounds: - semantically unitary

- one primary stress per compound ('blackbird, 'ill-treat, 'credit card)

primary stress on the first word („genuine compounds“)	
noun + noun	'keyboard, 'credit card, 'typewriter, 'airport, 'sweatshirt, a 'larm clock, 'suitcase, 'high school
pr. participle + noun	'dining-room, 'drinking water, 'filing cabinet, 'washing machine, 'opening hours
colour + noun	'blackbird, 'blackboard, 'blackleg, 'blacksmith, 'blacklist 'whiteboard, 'greenhouse, 'greenfly, 'redskin, 'redneck, 'bluetooth, 'blueray
compound adjectives	'hit-and-run 'driver, 'nine-to-five 'job, 'round-the-clock 'service 'seasick, 'carsick, 'trustworthy, 'waterproof

primary stress on the second word („phrasal prominence“) – prone to stress shift	
adj. + past participle	quick-'witted, bad-'tempered, good-'natured, old-'fashioned, left-'handed, absent/open/narrow-'minded, cold-'blooded, cross-'eyed, self-'centred
number + noun	three-'wheeler, second-'class, first 'aid, five-'star
compounds as adverbs	head-'first, North-'East, down 'stream
compounds as verbs	down-'grade, back-'pedal, ill-'treat, back 'fire, over 'sleep, under 'go
phrasal verbs	get 'on, take 'off, come 'up

level stress („double stress“) – rare, often regarded as artificial	
two nouns indicating a different characteristic of the same person	'deputy 'headmaster, a 'ssistant 'manager, 'boy 'scout, 'child 'prodigy, 'fellow 'countryman
fixed compound of a noun + adjective	'Secretary 'General, 'court 'martial, 'notary 'public, 'sum 'total

alternative stress pattern – word class pairs			
noun / verb	'protest / pro'test	'object / ob'ject	'insult / in'sult
adjective / verb	'perfect / per'fect	'present / pre'sent	