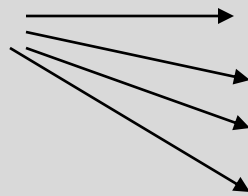


WORD STRESS

1/ What is word stress?

Word stress is defined as the **prominence** given to certain syllable(s) in a word by the use of greater breath force.

The **prominence**
consists of 4
elements



loudness
length
pitch
quality

2/ Levels of stress: 3 levels

=> tonic strong (primary) indicated by (‘) put before and above the stressed syllable.

=> non-tonic strong (secondary) indicated by (,) put before and under the stressed syllable.

=> unstressed

e.g: communication, population

3/ Placement of Stress within the word

3.1: Two-syllable word stress:

3.2: Three-syllable word stress:

3.3: Compound and complex word stress:

3.4: Varied stress:

For more information consult the textbook (page 83, 84, 85)

The basic rules =>

see also Illustration Files attached