

# Long e Vowel Patterns in Accented Syllables

**The accented syllable for words with the open e pattern is usually the first syllable.**

open e **pattern**  
fe / **ver**  
e / **ven**

**The accented syllable for words with the eCe pattern is the second syllable.**

eCe **pattern**  
**com** / plete  
**su** / preme

**The accented syllable for words with the ea or ee pattern can be either the first or second syllable.**

ea **pattern**  
mean / **ing**  
**mis** / treat

ee **pattern**  
greet / **ing**  
**suc** / ceed

**Unsure which syllable is accented?**

- 1. Place the top of your hand gently under your chin. When you say a word, you will feel your chin slightly drop down on the accented syllable.**
- 2. Consult a dictionary.**