

Long o Vowel Patterns in Accented Syllables

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

open o **pattern**
so / **fa**
fo / **cus**

The accented syllable for words with the oCe pattern and the ow pattern can be either the first or second syllable.

oCe **pattern**
note / **book**
dis / close

ow **pattern**
row / **boat**
be / low

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.**