

Accents

1. In order to know where to write accents on words, it is necessary to review how to divide a word into syllables.
2. A new syllable begins after a vowel and between two consonants.

Li ma cos ta na ci do de sas tre
bu que cul to po la co cos tum bre
vi da mis mo bo de ga as pec to

3. The consonants **l** and **r** preceded by any consonant except **s** join with that consonant and cannot be separated.

blan co bra vo
cla se tro pi cal

4. Note that the following words end in a vowel. The next-to-last syllable is the accented syllable—the one that has the stress. Words that end in a vowel are accented on the next-to-last syllable, with few exceptions.

mesa estado concepto enlazado
casa persona frontera resultado

5. Words that end in any consonant (with the exception of **n** or **s**) are accented on the last syllable. Words that end in **n** or **s** are accented on the next-to-last syllable, the same as words that end in a vowel.

CONSONANTE	N, S
factor	casas
civil	inmigrantes
verdad	rurales
universal	estados
comunidad	olvidan
inmigrar	inmigran

6. Use a written accent with any word whose stressed syllable does not conform with the rules for accentuation.

TERMINA EN VOCAL	TERMINA EN CONSONANTE	TERMINA EN -S, -N		
sílaba	Perú	árbol	salón	
teléfono	café	túnel	tacón	
húmedo	comí		razón	
político	compró		compás	volverás

 Separate each word into syllables.



1. zona
2. urbano
3. campesino
4. continente
5. eterna
6. calor
7. barco
8. apiñar

 Indicate which syllable is stressed.



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| 1. zona | 7. repleto |
| 2. Cuba | 8. inmigrante |
| 3. continente | 9. integrar |
| 4. casa | 10. emperador |
| 5. forastero | 11. llegado |
| 6. bodega | 12. habitante |

Add an accent if necessary.



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| 1. silaba | 10. Latinoamerica |
| 2. tonica | 11. comun |
| 3. publico | 12. comunidad |
| 4. unico | 13. etnico |
| 5. portugues | 14. industriales |
| 6. patron | 15. lingüístico |
| 7. comenzo | 16. Mexico |
| 8. catolico | 17. geografico |
| 9. forasteros | 18. politico |

