

Which Syllable Do I Accent?

The last syllable of a word is called the *ultima*.
The next-to-last syllable is called the *penult*.
The third-to-last syllable is called the *antepenult*.

ultimus, ultima, ultimum means *last*
paene means *almost*
ante means *before*

Rules to Know

1	A word of two syllables is accented on the first syllable: car'-rus , <i>cart</i> pu'-er , <i>boy</i>
2	A word of more than two syllables is accented on the penult, if that is long a-mī'-cus , <i>friend</i>
3	otherwise, on the antepenult: im-pe'-ri-um , <i>command</i>

-que and a few other words, which are never used by themselves and are called *enclitics*, require the accent to fall on the last syllable of the word to which they are attached.

tēla'que

Exercises

lingua

gravāre

ferrum

efflīgō

flūmina

hōra

laudabāntur

līberē

puellaeque

casa

oculus

ōrāculum

sēcrētus