

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.