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Word Stress: Noun or Verb?

Some words can be either nouns or verbs. Often, you can tell whether a word is functioning in a sentence as a noun or a verb by which syllable of the word is stressed. If the first syllable is stressed, the word is probably functioning as a noun. If the second syllable is stressed, the word is probably functioning as a verb.

DIRECTIONS: The stressed syllable in each word is underlined. Is it a noun or a verb? Write your answer on the line.

<u>pro</u> ject	 <u>sus</u> pect	
<u>con</u> vict	<u>re</u> cord	
ob <u>ject</u>	 contract	
<u>pre</u> sent	 pro <u>ject</u>	
sus <u>pect</u>	 con <u>vict</u>	
re <u>cord</u>	 <u>ob</u> ject	
<u>con</u> tract	in <u>sult</u>	
<u>in</u> sult	pre <u>sent</u>	