

Greek and Latin roots

Pronunciation – word stress : a few rules

Penultimate = oooOo	Antepenultimate = oooOoo
Economics	Biology amplify ability
Diagnosis	compatible
information	strategy
diabetes	Biological
arthritis	analysis
penicillin	medical
equipment	photography
fluoresce fluorescence	photograph
	myopathy molecular

in the dictionary : /fo'tografi/

Help with long transparent words:

1. Familiarize yourself with the stress patterns of some common Greek/Latin word roots.
2. Have model words that you KNOW how to say.
3. Start at the end of the word and work back
4. Check the pronunciation of the vowel i (**kiss = /i/, eye = /ai/ or easy = /i:/?**)
5. Make it sound English.

Some other common issues :

Psychology – no need to pronounce the /p/ - the beginning of this word sounds like cycling.

Interesting – careful to make the “in” rhyme with “bin”

u- unusual – 2 sounds for the letter U in English are within this word – the weak form “uh” and “you”. The French “u” sound does not exist in English.

Equipment – QU – always pronounced like the Queen in English.

through the – TH – not as important as many of the vowels and diphthongs for being understood. We shouldn't over estimate the importance of perfecting the TH sounds. However if you want to get it right – your tongue has to hit the back of your top teeth!