

Complex word stress

▼ Stress-carrying suffixes	(mostly of French origin)
1 -ade: lemonade	7 -ese: Portuguese / Sudanese
2 -ain: entertain	8 -esque: picturesque
3 -aire: millionaire	9 -ette: cigarette / statuette
4 -ee: refugee / employee	10 -eur: connoisseur
5 -eer: mountaineer / engineer	11 -ique: antique
6 -esce: convalesce	12 -teen: fourteen

Neutral suffixes	
<p>Inflectional suffixes [-s / -es / -er / -est / -ed / -ing ...] are stress-neutral. So are the following:</p>	
comfort + -able	
anchor + -age	capital + -ism
refuse + -al (<i>refusal</i>)	terror + -ist
intimate + -cy (<i>intimacy</i>)	bird + -like
wise + -dom (<i>wisdom</i>)	power + -less
wide + -en (<i>widen</i>)	hurried + -ly
wonder + -ful	punish + -ment
glory + -fy (<i>glorify</i>)	nimble + -ness
neighbour + -hood	poison + -ous
amaze + -ing (<i>amazing</i>)	craftsman+ -ship
devil + -ish	other + -wise
patron + -ise / -ize	fun + -y (<i>funny</i>)

Stress-moving suffixes	
<p>☛ These suffixes shift the stress to the last syllable of the stem, ie: accent falls on syllable immediately preceding the one containing suffix.</p>	
advantage + -eous (<i>advantageous</i>)	congratulate + -ion (<i>congratulation</i>)
vary + -ety (<i>variety</i>)	injure + -ious (<i>injurious</i>)
photo + -graphy	tranquil + -ity (<i>tranquillity</i>)
proverb + -ial	reflex + -ive
music + -ian [ʃ]	embryo + -logy
climate + -ic (<i>climatic</i>); <i>exceptions: Arabic, politics, lunatic</i>	
<p>☛ ☛ Accent falls two syllables before syllable containing suffix:</p>	
<p>-ate: articulate, associate, certificate, discriminate, inseminate, stimulate, subordinate...</p>	
<p>-fy: amplify, liquefy, magnify, satisfy, stratify...</p>	