**English Pronunciation Podcast 15—Syllable Stress (Continued):** This podcast teaches you how to pronounce words which may have two different stress patterns.

In today's podcast, we're going to learn about a group of words which have two different pronunciations in terms of syllable stress. What's interesting about these words is that when they're used as nouns, they're stressed on the first syllable. When used as verbs, the stress changes and they are stressed on the second syllable.

**Example: re**cord **(noun)**   
       re**cord** (verb)

When is your band going to re**cord** a **re**cord?

**Review**: If a two syllable verb begins with a Latin prefix, don't stress the prefix, stress the root (see podcast#14) .

**Exercise**: **Listen and repeat the following words. The first word will be the noun (stress on the first syllable). The second word will be the verb (stress on the second syllable).**

**Noun**                        **Verb**

**con**duct                       con**duct**  
**pro**test                         pro**test**  
**p ro**gress                    pro**gress**  
**per**mit                          per**mit**  
**in**crease                      in**crease**  
**de**sert                          de**sert**  
**ob**ject                           ob**ject**  
**in**sult                            in**sult**  
**pre**sent                        pre**sent**  
**re**bel                             re**bel**  
**pro**ject                          pro**ject**  
**re**cord                           re**cord**  
**sus**pect                        sus**pect**

**Exercise: Listen and repeat the following sentences. Each sentence contains a word in its verb and noun form: Also notice how the vowel in unstressed syllables is reduced (see podcast#13) Pay careful attention to syllable stress.**

The class pre**sent**ed the teacher with a **pre**sent.

The **re**bels are planning to re**bel** next month.

We pro**ject** that the **pro**ject will cost millions.

The police sus**pect** that the **sus**pect knew the victim.

When will your band re**cord** a new **re**cord?

She ob**ject**ed to being treated like an **ob**ject.

The newspapers' descriptions of the **con**flict, con**flict**.