## Talk a Lot

## **Focus on Connected Speech**

Discussion Words with Suffixes in Elementary Book 2

Of the 201 individual words with two or more syllables, 156 (78%) have suffixes, which we know are almost always unstressed. This can help us as we try to work out the word stress for each discussion word. On this page you can see all of the words with suffixes, grouped by suffix. The main groups are shown in boxes, with suffixes shown in bold.

(Reference: Talk a Lot Elementary Book 2, pp.147-151)

gorill <b>a</b>	should <b>er</b>	terror <b>ism</b>	mist <b>ress</b>
panda	sing <b>er</b>	rabb <b>it</b>	a <b>rrest</b>
umbrell <b>a</b>	snook <b>er</b>	detective	ju <b>ry</b>
marriage	spid <b>er</b>	ank <b>le</b>	moun <b>tain</b>
affair	summ <b>er</b>	drizz <b>le</b>	eigh <b>teen</b>
anim <b>al</b>	support <b>er</b>	musc <b>le</b>	fif <b>teen</b>
classical	teenag <b>er</b>	purp <b>le</b>	four <b>teen</b>
criminal	thermomet <b>er</b>	employment	nine <b>teen</b>
fin <b>al</b>	tig <b>er</b>	engagement	seven <b>teen</b>
funeral	weath <b>er</b>	environ <b>ment</b>	six <b>teen</b>
mammal	winn <b>er</b>	instru <b>ment</b>	thir <b>teen</b>
musical	wint <b>er</b>	punish <b>ment</b>	victim
pedal	des <b>ert</b>	witness	educa <b>tion</b>
org <b>an</b>	batt <b>ery</b>	pian <b>o</b>	graduation
hurric <b>ane</b>	for <b>est</b>	radio	prediction
defendant	ball <b>et</b>	stereo	qualification
elephant	crick <b>et</b>	zero	separation
catterpillar	racqu <b>et</b>	ob <b>oe</b>	tor <b>toise</b>
guit <b>ar</b>	trump <b>et</b>	arson	badminton
	hockey		skeleton
haz <b>ard</b>	kidn <b>ey</b>	pris <b>on</b> seas <b>on</b>	eighty
lizard	monkey		fif <b>ty</b>
annivers <b>ary</b>	vall <b>ey</b>	kangar <b>oo</b>	forty
rug <b>by</b>	tsunami	accelerator	ninety
pregnan <b>cy</b>	music <b>ian</b>	commentator	seventy
redundan <b>cy</b>	automatic	conductor	sixty
croco <b>dile</b>	mus <b>ic</b>	indicat <b>or</b>	thir <b>ty</b>
refer <b>ee</b>	athletics	solicitor	twen <b>ty</b>
elev <b>en</b>	Olympics	colour	stadium
adolesc <b>ence</b>	coffin	lab <b>our</b>	
viol <b>ence</b>	dolph <b>in</b>	wid <b>ow</b>	nat <b>ure</b>
driv <b>er</b>	viol <b>in</b>	yell <b>ow</b>	temperat <b>ure</b>
fing <b>er</b>		meno <b>pause</b>	chor <b>us</b>
flower	eng <b>ine</b>	ap <b>peal</b>	hippopotam <b>us</b>
liv <b>er</b>	box <b>ing</b>	saxo <b>phone</b>	reser <b>voir</b>
murd <b>er</b>	flood <b>ing</b>	octo <b>pus</b>	di <b>vorce</b>
numb <b>er</b>	sail <b>ing</b>	orchest <b>ra</b>	
passeng <b>er</b>	shoplift <b>ing</b>	zeb <b>ra</b>	
performer	ski <b>ing</b>	gi <b>raffe</b>	
play <b>er</b>	swimm <b>ing</b>	biography	
river	wedding	geog <b>raphy</b>	
	tenn <b>is</b>	9009. <b>4P.1</b>	