

# Stress & Accents in Spanish

# Syllables

- Separate syllables after a vowel
- Between 2 consonants
- mu-cha-cha
- cla-se
- es-pa-ñol

# Stress

- Stress refers to the “tonic” syllable
- Tonic is another word for emphasis, tone, volume
- How we pronounce words- we syllable gets the emphasis
- Accents show you which syllable has the emphasis (they are breaking the rules)
  - WORDS are breaking the rules

# 2nd to Last (grave)

- Words that end in a vowel (a,e,i,o,u), n, or s, the tonic syllable is the 2nd to last
- ha-blan
- bus-ca
- mu-chas
- ca-sa

# Last Syllable (Agudas)

- End in a consonant EXCEPT N or S
- ha-blar
- Un-ni-ver-si-dad
- co-mer

# 3rd from the End(Esdrújula)

- ALWAYS have an accent mark on the 3rd to last syllable
- End in any letter
- hú-me-do\* (should be a grave, but has 3 syllables)
- te-lé-fo-no

# Accents

- Only placed on VOWELS
- Sa-lón (breaking grave rule)
- Ár-bol (Breaking aguda rule)
- lá-piz
- Pa-ís
- fí-si-ca
- ca-fé

# Helpful hints

- Words that end in “tion” in English, most of the time translates to “cion”
- “Cion” will always carry an accent
  - traducción (translation)