

Multisyllable Word Pyramids

("Brain Busters")

Review these words before reading the pyramid, working from left to right.

The word is first introduced segmented by syllables with an accent mark over the accented syllable. (Be *sure* to emphasize this syllable when reading the word, and read it *louder*!) It is also spelled out phonetically in what to the author was the simplest way for learners to read, but not necessarily in any standardized format.

Then read as much of the pyramid as you can. Stop when you get tired. Some of these words really are "brain busters," and are certainly more of a challenge! You may need many days to finish reading even one pyramid.

Reading *accurately* is much more important than reading *swiftly*! So go slowly, and take your time. Speed will come with practice, as it does for just about anything! If any word is a special challenge, hold a card over it and just expose it syllable by syllable. Look at the practice word for help as needed.



pre-sent´
(pree-ZENT)

present

prac´-ticed
(PRAK-tist)

practiced

in-cred´-i-bly
(in-KRED-ih-blee)

incredibly

en-chant´-ing
(en-CHANT-ing)

enchanted

fan-tas´-tic
(fan-TAS-tik)

fantastic

per-form´-ance
(per-FORM-ens)

performance

