

10. Word stress

In Jameld, the stress normally falls on the first syllable of the word. However, there are many exceptions, including most words that are formed of a root and a prefix (where the stress normally falls on the first syllable of the root).

In the Jameld–English section of the dictionary, word stress is marked by the use of subscript diacritics under the vowel of the stressed syllable, where this is not the first syllable, or where the length of the vowel is not as expected.

An inverted breve below (thus: **Ḃ**) indicates that the vowel in the stressed syllable is short.

anḂnas *n* pineapple

NB: Inverted breve is also sometimes used in the dictionary to indicate an unexpected short vowel in an *unstressed* syllable; if so, more than one vowel in the word will have a stress mark and an IPA transcription will also be given.

A macron below (**ā**) indicates that the vowel in the stressed syllable is long.

boḂga *n* bow (*curved thing*), selection

Dot below (**ḁ**) always indicates a long vowel in an unstressed syllable.

ḁḁnd *a/adv* outward(s)

These subscript diacritics are not, of course, part of Jameld, and should not be used when writing in the language. They are purely used in the dictionary as a shorthand, to avoid having to provide an IPA transcription for every headword.