Syllable-Stress Patterns for Common Names from Diverse Cultures

The numbers 1-6 tell the number of syllables in each of the three examples that follow.

The letters a-f indicate the most strongly stressed syllable—the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, or 6th.

A big dot ● indicates strong emphasis. Smaller dots • • • are for weak or unstressed syllables.

The intonation lines → ¬ show rises and falls in voice pitch—the "speech music" of pronunciation.

Emphasized syllables are in BIG CAPITAL LETTERS, in contrast to weak syllables in small letters.

