

Half-Syllabic i: If 'i + Vowel' occurs somewhere at the end of the word, it moves the stress to the preceding syllable.

CiV (Consonant + i + Vowel) – Tensing / Laxing

CiV Laxing: If the stressed vowel-letter 'i' is followed in the next syllable by an unstressed 'i' plus a vowel, it is pronounced *Lax*.

o ' p i n i o n	o ' f f i c i a l
↓ C i V	↓ C i V
L a x	L a x

CiV Tensing: A stressed vowel-letter (except 'i') followed by CiV is always *Tense*.

Trisyllabic Laxing: If the stress is on [or even earlier on] the third-last syllable of the word [the third syllable from the end], this vowel is normally *Lax*.

botulism – ['bɒtjʊlɪzəm]

By the **Graphic Position** of a letter we mean the letters that immediately follow it in spelling, whether these are pronounced or not. The *Graphic Position* of a letter can be either *Free* or *Covered*.

Free cases:	VL + CL + VL	(make; moment)
	VL + Ø	(go; he; my)
	VL + VL	(chaos; neon; client)

All other cases are *Covered* (VL + CL + CL; VL + CL + Ø; etc.).

VL – Vowel Letter; CL – Consonant Letter; Ø – Nothing