Long o Vowel Patterns in Accented Syllables

The accented syllable for words with the open o pattern is usually the first syllable.

- open o pattern
  - so / fa
  - fo / cus

The accented syllable for words with the oCe pattern and the ow pattern can be either the first or second syllable.

- oCe pattern
  - note / book
  - dis / close

- ow pattern
  - row / boat
  - be / low

Unsure which syllable is accented?

1. Place the top of your hand gently under your chin. When you say a word, you will feel your chin slightly drop down on the accented syllable.

2. Consult a dictionary.