Long e Vowel Patterns in Accented Syllables

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

- open e pattern
  - fe / ver
  - e / ven

The accented syllable for words with the eCe pattern is the second syllable.

- eCe pattern
  - com / plete
  - su / preme

The accented syllable for words with the ea or ee pattern can be either the first or second syllable.

- ea pattern
  - mean / ing
  - mis / treat

- ee pattern
  - greet / ing
  - suc / ceed

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.