Exercise (1) on: 1. compound noun stress; 2. [s] or [z]? 3. syllable count and schwa elision and 4. deaspirated /sp/, /st/, and /sk/

You have FOUR tasks for each item in the following list:

(1) Circle the stressed syllable(s) in each item below, and mark the tonic stress with an asterisk * before the circled syllable. Examples:
(a) negative *ads (b) election ad

(2) Write [s] or [z] below each underlined “s” (s) or other letter below, according to the correct pronunciation in the given word.

(3) Put a checkmark √ above a vowel if it is an example of schwa elision.

(4) /p/, /t/ and /k/ in /sp/, /st/ and /sk/ consonant clusters are pronounced with NO ASPIRATION. Mark each one below with a tilde ~.

Example: ~ √

amaz*ing dis*covers

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1. Dragon Boat Festival

2. speech defects

3. good holidays

4. previous months

5. General Strike

6. in its relative infancy

7. pioneer days

8. for many years

9. in ancient Greece

10. the early Egyptians

11. the most informative accounts

12. large mirrors

13. the most famous stammerers

14. in the nineteenth century (watch the “n”s!)

15. tiny pebbles

16. generous assistance

17. introductory physicists

18. Swiss physicians

19. unfortunate minorities

20. simple sentences

21. incorrect results

22. in most cases

23. noisy disturbances

24. breathing exercises