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- And there are pitfalls (because German has exceptions too): the 'White ,House – das ,Weiße 'Haus (not a compound), etc.

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- The same pattern applies even if the word before the participle is not an adjective: Noun + PP: *,lily-'livered, ,gold-'plated, ,felt-'tipped*, etc. Adverb + PP: *,well-be'haved*, etc. As always, there are exceptions (Noun + PP): 'flood,lit, etc.

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• Not really a problem: a similar stress shift occurs in German: Die Ausstellung war ,gut be'sucht. – Eine 'gut be,suchte 'Ausstellung

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- Some word sequences can operate as phrasal verbs or as verb + (unstressed) preposition, e.g.:
 - run + downHe ,ran the others 'down.= phrasal verbvs.He 'ran down the 'hill.= verb + prep.turn + inThe thief ,turned himself 'in.= phrasal verb
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• The stress-shift phenomena are probably not as bad as you think. The same thing happens in German.

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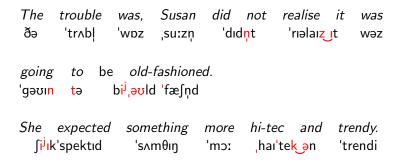
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