

Syllables

A syllable is a beat created by the sounding of a vowel in a word. Syllables help make it easier to sound out words. You can practice identifying syllables by clapping whenever you feel a beat while pronouncing a word. Remember, syllables always contain a vowel (A, E, I, O, U, Y). Here are some examples:

One Syllable words: cat, hand, fish, shirt, car, leaf, pie

Two Syllable words: but/ton, base/ball, Mon/day, pop/corn

Three Syllable words: Bal/nat/na, to/get/ter, fam/i/ly, choc/o/late

When dividing syllables, remember to follow these rules:

1. Separate prefixes and suffixes from the root word.
re/read, play/ing, pre/view, plant/ed
2. Divide between consonants.
waf/fles, ob/ject, scis/sors, let/ter
*DO NOT split two consonants that form 1 sound when pronounced together
(example: ph, th, ch, wh)
3. If a vowel has a long sound (like, o in frozen), divide before the consonant that follows.
fro/zen, be/fore, Chi/na, pro/mo/tion
4. If a vowel has a short sound (like, i in river), divide after the consonant that follows.
riv/er, tow/er, gra/ti/tude

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Thanksgiving Syllables



Directions: Draw lines to mark the syllables in each word!

1. Tur / key



2. Stuffing

3. Family

4. Mashed potatoes

5. Pumpkin pie



6. Gratitude

7. Holiday

8. Celebrate

9. Dinner

10. Leftovers

11. November

12. Tradition

13. Football

14. Cornucopia

15. Autumn

16. Dessert



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Thanksgiving Haiku



Remember, the first line of a haiku has 5 syllables, the second line has 7 syllables, and the third line has 5 syllables.

