

SYLLABICATION

Syllabication is the act of breaking big words up into smaller parts so they can be pronounced and spelled more easily. This skill is a very valuable tool which can be learned thoroughly as well as quickly when it's approached in an organized, systematic manner.

After you have had some practice, syllabication will become automatic for you. You will be able to do it without thinking of the individual steps. Until it has been mastered, however, it is best to follow the steps given here in the order they are presented. You will see that the steps shown in this packet may vary from what is found in the dictionary. No the dictionary is not wrong. It's just that this method will more easily help you with your pronunciation of vocabulary and spelling.

The steps in this packet have been carefully thought out so you can learn how to divide words easily AND FAST!

Now you are ready, to practice syllabication. You will enjoy it, for you now have the ability to unlock words you have never heard of before. “**Attack**” each word you divide as follows:

1. Underline each vowel and cross off final e.
(The vowels are **a, e, i, o, u**, and **y**.)
2. Continue the lines to the consonants or blends to the left, and divide upward in one stroke. (Over and up!)
3. Remember to treat consonant blends and combination sounds as one letter. For your convenience, the blends and combination sounds are listed below.
4. Include the consonant before an le with the le, i.e. *ble, cle, dle*.
5. If a syllable has only one letter, be sure that letter is a vowel.
6. Remember that any vowel followed by r is a combination sound.

Consonant Blends

Combination Sounds

bl	sc	pr	spl	sh	th	wh	ch	qu
cl	sk	fr	scl	ee	ea	ay	ai	oa
gl	sn	br		oi	oy	ou	ow	
fl	sp	cr	scr	aw	au	oo	ew	ie
pl	st	dr	str	or	ur	er	ir	ar
sl	sw	gr	spr	alk	igh	ph	gh	ei
	sm	tr	tw	ing	ang	ong	ung	eng

How many parts do you hear in the word children? _____ In the word baby? _____ In the following words? Divide the words into syllables.

competitive

inhabitants

perpendicular

tobogganing

prevention

domesticate

feat

turbulence

indicative

encyclopedia

thimble

anthropology

A syllable is a vowel sound and any consonants that go with it to make up a word part. Remember that **y** is also a vowel. Read the words above again. Then answer the following questions.

1. Does each syllable have a vowel? _____
2. Are silent e's separate syllables? _____
3. Are any words divided between consonant blends? _____
4. Are any words divided between combination sounds? _____
5. Are words divided between double letters and double consonants?

6. Are **prefixes** and **suffixes** separate syllables? _____

Divide the following “nonsense words” into syllables.

eppottation	bincimprated	repombition
affudutative	bulengluous	bejeaning
malaproshic	crovuvbiation	baumpor
lovgimant	gathventable	sehavent
detrontanivate	croventile	jarmible

Stop and have an instructor correct and discuss your work.

Divide the following “words” into syllables.

accommodations
accumulative
catastrophic
cognizant
decontaminate
ambiguous
pronunciation
remuneration
superfluous

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Divide the following words into syllables.

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| 1. allergic | 19. intermediate |
| 2. alternative | 20. intertwining |
| 3. athletically | 21. inversion |
| 4. combatant | 22. irradiated |
| 5. concentrated | 23. lamentable |
| 6. consummate | 24. manufacturers |
| 7. contentious | 25. mathematics |
| 8. diminutive | 26. particle |
| 9. discretion | 27. periodically |
| 10. dispersion | 28. perspiration |
| 11. disproportionately | 29. precedence |
| 12. demonstrative | 30. preferable |
| 13. diversionary | 31. progressive |
| 14. equilateral | 32. projectile |
| 15. facilitated | 33. recognition |
| 16. fundamentally | 34. revealing |
| 17. heterogeneous | 35. saunter |
| 18. illuminated | 36. vehement |