

Phonetics we use

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1-Dividing words into syllables

Dividing words into syllables :

A syllable is a sound. Every word has at least one sound and, therefore, one syllable. The more syllables in a word the more sounds.

Eg : a) sometimes **some times**
b) useless **use less**
c) abandon **a ban don**

1 syllable	2 syllables	3 syllables	4 syllables	5 syllables
lie	easy	beautiful	security	radioactive
tool	comfort	ambulance	prosecution	obligatory
nice	alone	inquiry	political	discrimination

Words	Number of syllables
lie	1 / laɪ /
tool	1 / tu:l /
nice	1 / naɪs /
easy	2 / i:-zi /
comfort	2 / k ʌ m-f ə t /
alone	2 / ə- l ə un /
Beautiful	3 / bjʊ :-ti-f ə l /
ambulance	3 / æ m-bj ə-l ə ns /
inquiry	3 / in-kw ə i- ri /
security	4 / si-kju-ri-ti /
prosecution	4 / prɔ-sə-kju:- ʃ ə n /
political	4 / pə -li-ti-kəl /
radioactive	5 / rei-di ə-ækt-iv /
obligatory	5 / ə-blɪgətɔ-ri /

2-Activities

Activity one :

Underline the one syllable words.

1. school
2. tree
3. story
4. walk
5. music
6. rain
7. sugar
8. time
9. away
10. man
11. happy
12. friend
13. bus
14. today
15. today
16. home
17. see
18. mother
19. name
20. bicycle

Activity 2 :

Write the number of syllables in each word :

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A-

- a) harvest..... b) foundation c) furniture

- d) guarantee e) hesitate f) imagine
g) knowledge h) meanwhile i) doubt
j) glimpse

B-

- a) Write 2 one syllable words
b) Write 2 two syllable words
c) Write 2 three syllable words

Activity 3 :

Using syllables to decode words. Read the sentence. Look at the underlined word. Decide how to divide the underlined word into syllables. Choose your answer.

اقرأ الجملة. لاحظ الكلمة المسطرة. قرر كيف تقسم الكلمة المسطرة إلى مقطوعات لفظية :

1. Andrew didn't like the cartoon.
a) car/ toon b) cart/ oon c) ca/ rtoon
2. Brian stayed with his family at the little motel near the beach.
a) mo/ tel b) mote/ l c) mo/ tel
3. The merchant closes his store every day at noon.
a) mer/ chant b) merch/ ant c) merc/ hant
4. This shirt is made of cotton.
a) cott/ on b) cot/ ton c) co/ tton
5. I enjoy watching television.
a) te/ le/ vision b) tele/ vision c) te/ le/ vi/ sion
6. What an expensive car !

a) ex/ pensive b) expen/ sive c) expensi/ ve

3-Key answers

Task 1 :

School – tree – rain – time – man – friend – bus –
you – home – see – name.

Task 2 :

A : a. 2 f. 3
 b. 3 g. 2
 c. 3 h. 2
 d. 3 i. 1
 e. 3 j. 1

B : a. bank / school (1 syllable).
 b. about / pupil (2 syllables).
 c. courageous / photograph (3 syllables).

Task 3 :

1. a 4. b
2. c 5. c
3. a 6. a