

How do you recognize how
many syllables are in a
word?

For example:

straight

In this lesson you will learn
how to recognize syllables by
counting the vowel sounds.

Let's Review

Words are made up of letters.

Letters are made up of phonemes.

Phonemes create syllables.

A Common Mistake

Some people want to add more syllables to a word when they see a lot of vowels.

straight



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There are a few rules to keep in mind

1. Every syllable has one vowel sound
2. The number of vowel sounds = the number of syllables
3. One vowel words have one syllable

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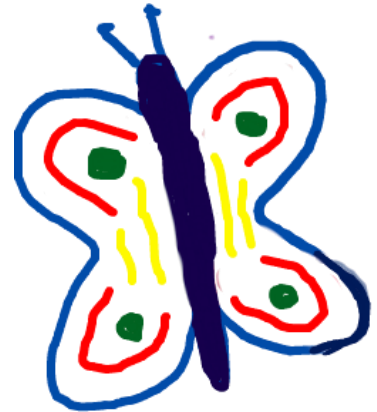
Let's look at these rules one at a time.

1. Every syllable has one vowel sound.

beautifully



6 = beau/ti/ful/ly
= 4 syllables



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2. The number of vowel sounds = the number of syllables

fabulous

3

haunted

2

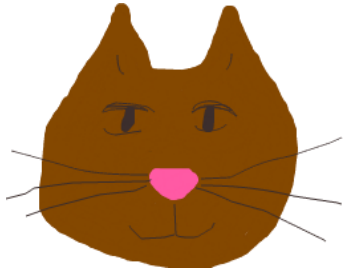
plate

1

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3. One vowel words have one syllable

cat



slept



strength



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playing

joyfully

incredible

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- 1 Count how many vowel sounds the word has.
- 2 Each syllable has one vowel sound.

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“There was no point in complaining. It’s not like she was going to be late for school.”

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- 2 Each syllable has one vowel sound.

In this lesson you have
learned how to recognize
syllables by counting the
vowel sounds.

Guided Practice

1. How many syllables does 'farm' have in it? 1

2. How many syllables are in the word 'vacation'? 3

3. The amount of syllables in a word depends on: a. the vowels in the word or b. the vowel sounds in the word? b.

Extension Activities

Create a list of words longer than 4 letters that only contain one vowel.

Quick Quiz

How many syllables are in the following words:

possible

couch

wonderfully