

# Decoding Two-Syllable Words

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## Quick Review

A SYLLABLE is a chunk of a word with one vowel sound. You can read a long word by breaking it into syllables, like **rab-bit** or **tar-get**. Read one chunk at a time, then blend the chunks together.

## PRACTICE

Break each word into syllables and choose or write the best answer.

1. How many syllables are in the word *rabbit*?
  - A. one
  - B. two
  - C. three
  - D. four
2. How is the word *target* best broken into syllables?
  - A. ta-rget
  - B. tar-get
  - C. targ-et
  - D. t-arget
3. Which word has TWO syllables?
  - A. napkin
  - B. cat
  - C. dog
  - D. run
4. How many syllables does *basket* have?
  - A. one
  - B. two
  - C. three
  - D. four



5. How is the word *sunset* best broken into syllables?
- A. su-nset
  - B. sun-set
  - C. suns-et
  - D. s-unset
6. Write the syllables of *kitten* with a dash between them: \_\_\_\_\_  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Write the syllables of *pencil* with a dash between them: \_\_\_\_\_  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_
8. The word *magnet* has two syllables: mag-net.  
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9. Why is it helpful to break a word into syllables?
- A. It makes the word shorter on the page.
  - B. It helps a reader sound out one chunk at a time.
  - C. It changes what the word means.
  - D. It always makes the word rhyme.
10. Which word has only ONE syllable?
- A. muffin
  - B. robin
  - C. wagon
  - D. truck



## Answer Keys

- 1  A  B  C  D
- 2  A  B  C  D
- 3  A  B  C  D
- 4  A  B  C  D
- 5  A  B  C  D

- 6
- 7
- 8  T  F
- 9  A  B  C  D
- 10  A  B  C  D

### Explanations

1. B	Rabbit breaks into rab-bit, which is two syllables.
2. B	Target breaks between the two middle letters into tar-get.
3. A	Napkin breaks into nap-kin, two syllables. The other words have just one.
4. B	Basket breaks into bas-ket, which is two syllables.
5. B	Sunset is a compound word that splits into sun-set.
6. kit-ten	Kitten breaks into kit-ten, two clear chunks.
7. pen-cil	Pencil breaks into pen-cil, two clear chunks.
8. T	Magnet breaks into mag-net, which is two syllables.
9. B	Breaking a word into chunks helps you decode it one syllable at a time.
10. D	Truck has one vowel sound and one syllable. The others each have two.



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