

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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