

Unit Eleven

Syllable Rule One

Syllable rules indicate where words divide into syllables. Each syllable must have one and only one vowel sound; each vowel sound in a word must have its own syllable. We will learn the three syllable rules that govern syllable division for any word in English. Syllable rules one and two are introduced at this point in the program; syllable rule three will be introduced at a later point in the program. Dictionaries sometimes disagree regarding the place where syllables begin and end in multiple syllable words. While no one syllable rule will ever completely predict where English words divide into syllables, the three syllable rules taught in this program provide students with a consistent and reliable method to employ for syllable division that will be accurate for the vast majority of words they encounter.

Syllable Rule One - When two vowels representing sounds are separated by one consonant, divide the word after the first vowel and before the consonant.

Draw a line between the letters where syllable division occurs. Start the line above the letters, and continue the line below the letters to avoid confusing the division line for another letter. Syllable rule numbers go above the letters, and vowel group numbers go below the letters. **Place the syllable rule number slightly to the right side of the division line.**

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Vowel - Consonant - Vowel

Lesson 370 and Lesson 371

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| 1. result | nomad | student | bonus |
| 2. iris | resist | deter | elect |
| 3. rodent | token | sequel | bequest |
| 4. okay | season | silent | begin |
| 5. adult | focus | remain | select |
| 6. resent | brazen | human | remit |
| 7. demand | amen | joker | making |
| 8. refund | mucus | defect | defend |
| 9. using | emit | prefix | tidings |
| 10. cupid | treason | taker | stolen |
| 11. sober | freedom | chosen | trooper |