

Syllable Stress Worksheet

Definition: A syllable is a sound/group of sounds; a letter/group of letters that have just one beat when we speak it. **Example:** **one**. The word “one” has 3 letters and 2 sounds, but it just has **one beat** when we speak this word. Therefore, it has only **one syllable**. **Another example:** **social**. The word “social” has 6 letters and 4 sounds, but **2 beats** when we speak it. Therefore, it has **2 syllables**.

How many syllables are in the following words?

Word	# of syllables	Word	# of syllables	Word	# of syllables
Ticket	_____	Security	_____	Influence	_____
Moment	_____	Leadership	_____	Greatest	_____
Importance	_____	Expression	_____	Committee	_____
Experience	_____	Blow	_____	Application	_____

Dividing words into syllables

Explanation: When we divide a word into syllables, we divide it based on some rules. Keep in mind that rules can sometimes be broken! In general however, follow these rules:

- Divide between **two consonants that are the same**. Example: butter = **but / ter**
- Divide between **two consonants that are not the same** and they create **separate, individual sounds**. Example: weather = **wea / ther**
- Divide **after the first vowel when there is one consonant between two vowels**. Example: belief = **be / lief**
- Divide **between the vowels** when there are two vowels together that **do not create a diphthong**. Example: lion = **li / on**

Remember that each syllable must have **1 vowel sound** (not just one vowel letter, but one vowel sound).

Divide the following words into syllables

Pocket _____

Combine _____

Associate _____

Emotional _____

Historical _____

Relatively _____

Urban _____

Studio _____