Syllable Sleuth

Where would you look to find the number of syllables in a word?
- O encyclopedia
- O dictionary
- O almanac
- O thesaurus

Circle the correct way to divide each word into syllables.

1. abse•nt  ab•sent  a•bsent
2. splint•er  spl•inter  splin•ter
3. fre•quent  freq•uent  fr•equent
4. at•hlete  ath•lete  athle•te
5. gos•sip  goss•ip  go•ssip

Circle the words that have three syllables.

6. guitar  mandolin  xylophone  trumpet
7. hollyhock  daisy  daffodil  foxglove
8. dalmatian  beagle  pointer  terrier

Draw an × on the words that have two syllables.

9. candy  chocolate  licorice  taffy
10. alligator  turtle  lizard  rattlesnake
11. tiger  giraffe  elephant  zebra

12. How many syllables are in the word balloon? _____
13. How many syllables are in the word tricycle? _____

Divide each word into syllables.

14. banana ____________________________
15. apple ____________________________
16. nectarine ____________________________
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12. How many syllables are in the word balloon? 2
13. How many syllables are in the word tricycle? 3

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14. banana  ba•na•na
15. apple  ap•ple
16. nectarine  nec•tar•ine