

# Syllable Sleuth

Where would you look to find the number of syllables in a word?

- encyclopedia       dictionary       almanac       thesaurus

Circle the correct way to divide each word into syllables.

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|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| 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.

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

Draw an X on the words that have two syllables.

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

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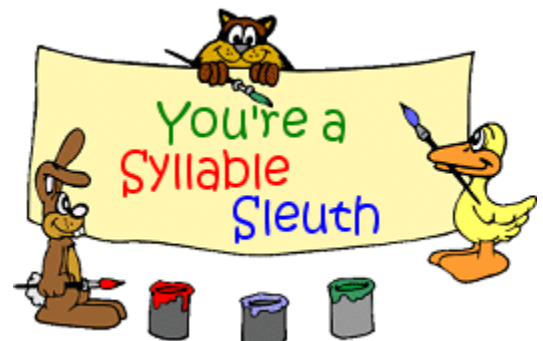
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12. How many syllables are in the word **balloon**? 2

13. How many syllables are in the word **tricycle**? 3

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16. nectarine **nec•tar•ine**