

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 |

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

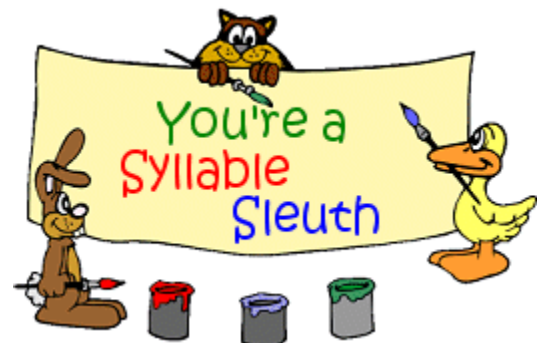
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12. How many syllables are in the word **balloon**? 2

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

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15. apple **ap•ple**

16. nectarine **nec•tar•ine**