

Syllable rules

One vowel sound in each syllable –

Split open syllable

Vowels: a e i o u (y)

but also e.g.

ea

ae

ie

ou

... do not split vowel teams

u / nit

o / pen

ba / by

cri / sis

pho / to

Split before consonants -le

Count back 3 and split.

sim / ple

mar / ble

cy / cle

sta / ble

Split compound words

sand / pit

rain / bow

school / bag

home / time

Split double letters

rab / bit

let / ter

sum / mer

Prefixes and suffixes are syllables

ing im in

un

ed

er

re

s

es

un / kind / ly

Split two consonants in the middle

pen / cil

con / tain

gar / den

tar / get

Do not split vowel teams (e.g. ai, ea, ou,...) or vowel +r (ar, er, ir, or, ur,...)