



# SYLLABLE DIVISION



# 1 SYLLABLE WORD

A one syllable word is NEVER divided. It has one or more letters but one vowel sound (beat), and is produced by a single voice impulse.



# COMPOUND WORD

A compound word is divided between the words that make it a compound word:

base/ball    cow/boy    sun/set





# VCCV

When two or more consonants come between two vowels, the word is usually divided between the first two consonants:

vc/cv    vc/ccv

bet/ter    pic/ture    ath/lete

shot/gun    for/got    in/spect

whip/lash    en/trench    spend/thrift



# V/CV

When a single consonant comes between two vowels in a word, the word is usually divided before the consonant and the first vowel is long.

mu/sic   po/lite   pa/per   lo/cate



# DIVISION PROCESS

- Cross off silent e (if there is one at the end)
- Mark the vowels (v)
- Mark the consonants between the vowels ©
- Determine correct syllable pattern
- Divide
- Identify syllable types/vowel condition
- Pronounce each syllable and blend the word
- Have you divided correctly? Are there other possibilities? If yes, start over





# PREFIX/SUFFIX

When a word has a prefix and/or suffix, the word is divided between the affix and the root

melt/ed      soft/ness      dis/turb