



Rule 2: syllable division



Teacher information

- This teaching resource is organised into four sections: **1)** Explanation of the rule **2)** Examples of key words that fit the rule **3)** Opportunities to practise **4)** Further examples of commonly used words following the rule & some notable exceptions.
- These slides are intended as a starting point for teaching this rule. The lists of words given at the end might be used for card sorting exercises or a variety of spelling games.



1) Rule 2: Explanation

Splitting words into syllables can help us spell them.

Each syllable contains one vowel sound.

One syllable

groan

thrown

grape

flopped

Two syllables

flopp – y

stray – ing

train – ers

re – vise

Three + syllables

roy – al – ty

ex – plo – ding

un – der – min – ing

dis – in – ter – est – ed

There is often more than one way to divide a word.

E.g. rep – res – en – ted *or* re – pre – sent – ed



2) Rule 2: Examples

Count the syllables in these words.

trick – y dis – tress – ing un – der – stand

grum – ble for – tu – nate an – im – at – ed

screams creak – ing pre – ten – ding

THINK: How many other four syllable words can you think of? Are there any even longer ones?



3) Rule 2: Practice

Split these words into their syllables.

Starter

sparty

strict

grasping

waited

painless

Challenge 1

strange

carrying

table

funnier

shopkeeper

Challenge 2

revolting

interested

importantly

respectable

confidently

THINK: Which words can you split in more than one way?



4) Rule 2: Further examples

One syllable

stress
throw
stray
roam
tail
thump
frown
slope
smile
boys
drip
fright
slipped
thought

Two syllables

alone
distress
tickled
slipper
grumpy
undone
replace
gripping
bucket
bathroom
battle
market
explode
fluffy

Three + syllables

unhappy
interest
determine
particle
expected
fortunate
desperate
allowing
replacement
respectable
reallocate
establishment
exterminated
understandable

NOTE: Many words can be divided in more than one way.

E.g. gripp-ing *or* gri-pping