

LEARNING ABOUT SYLLABLES - K-2

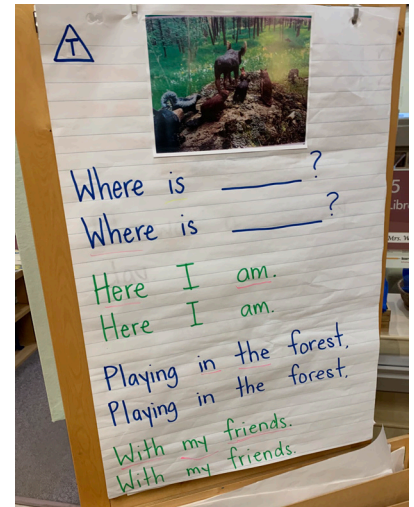
A syllable is a group of one or more letters that represent a unit of speech in a word.
Did you know that each syllable must contain at least one vowel?

Learning about and playing with syllables teaches children that spoken words can be broken down into smaller units. We can practice **blending syllables into words** (ta-ble → table) and **segmenting words into syllables** (dinosaur → din-o-saur). Try some of the ideas below!

PLAY SOME OF THESE ORAL LANGUAGE GAMES DURING CIRCLE TIME AND TRANSITIONS

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- If your name has ____ syllables, please stand up (touch your toes, clap your hands etc).
- Guess what name I'm thinking of... Say the name broken into syllables so students need to blend the syllables to guess the name.
- I spy with my little eye, a picture of an object that has ____ syllables.
- Which word doesn't belong? Say 3 words, which word doesn't have the same number of syllables?
- Pick some vocabulary words from a book and work together to sort them based on the number of syllables.



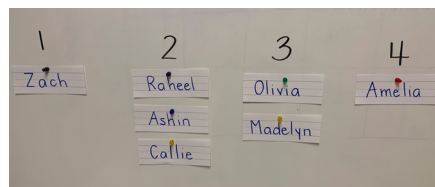
USE SONGS AND POEMS TO PRACTICE SYLLABLES

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Click [here](#) for song and poem ideas in English and [here](#) for French

TRY SOME SYLLABLE LITERACY CENTRES

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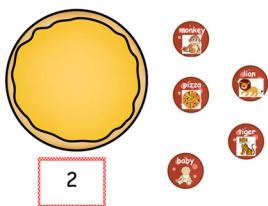


Read a story about names and then sort student names by the number of syllables. Try it as a whole class then make it a literacy centre!

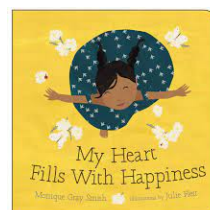
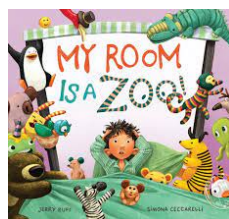
Try this syllable pizza literacy centre!

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During a read aloud, pause and clap the syllables in some words.



As **communicators**, students can practice **listening** carefully to spoken words to hear the different syllables.



As **thinkers**, students can practice **thinking** critically about the syllables they hear in order to blend them into a word.

