

# Syllable Division Rules

**Focus Area:** Advanced Phonics - syllable division

## **Procedure:**

- Learn the syllable types
- Learn the syllable division rules
  - One consonant (vcv):
    - Use one consonant to “close-in” the first syllable.
    - One consonant usually goes with the second syllable.
  - Two Consonants (vccv):
    - Divide between the two consonants.
    - Keep digraphs together.
    - A blend may stay together in the second syllable, especially if there is a prefix in the first syllable
    - Divide just before the consonant in a word ending in the syllable –le
  - Three Consonants (vcccv):
    - Keep digraphs together
    - Blend stays together in second syllable.
      - If a word is a compound word, split between the two words; the blend may be in the first syllable
    - Divide just before the consonant in a word ending in the syllable –le
  - Four Consonants (vccccv):
    - Watch for digraphs, blends and welded sounds; divide between them
    - Watch for three-letter blends in the second syllable
- Practice dividing words.
  - Highlight the talking vowels with orange
  - Underline between the vowels and identify how many consonants to find the pattern.
  - Divide using the pattern.
  - Check the position of the vowel and mark it.
  - Blend to unlock the word.
  - Adjust if necessary.

