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# Homework

## Finding syllables

Read the article about the World Trade Center's history. On the next page, answer the questions. Then count the syllables in the underlined words from the article.



### History of the World Trade Center

The World Trade Center was planned to include the tallest buildings in the world. The center would be located in lower Manhattan, New York. The World Trade Center would face New York harbor. The Statue of Liberty was close by. New office space would attract new business to New York.

A famous architect, Minoru Yamasaki, planned two twin towers. Inside the towers, the windows were tall and narrow, only 18 inches wide. People say that Yamasaki was scared of heights. He planned narrow windows to make people feel safer up high.

Fifty thousand people worked in the towers. Around the towers were five smaller buildings and a plaza. You could eat dinner, get your hair cut, and catch the subway, all inside the complex. A train station connected the center with New Jersey.

The towers took seven years to finish and cost almost a billion dollars. The twin towers formed part of the famous New York skyline. They were a symbol of New York and of American power.

You may not know that terrorists first tried to blow up the center in 1993. A bomb was left in a van in a garage under the complex. A huge fire spread up the North Tower. Office workers had to walk downstairs in the dark and smoke. Six people were killed and more than one thousand were hurt.

For years after September 11, 2001, a giant hole was all that was left. People called the site Ground Zero. Over the next couple of years, construction started to rebuild the World Trade Center.



## Homework, continued

What's one thing that surprised you about this history?

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Why do you think terrorists tried to destroy the twin towers?

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Label the vowels in the words below. The vowels are A, E, I, O, U and sometimes, Y.

Then count the syllables in each word. Write the number of syllables after the word.

The first one has been done for you.

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plaza \_\_\_\_\_

Yamasaki \_\_\_\_\_

Liberty \_\_\_\_\_

connected \_\_\_\_\_

terrorists \_\_\_\_\_

architect \_\_\_\_\_

started \_\_\_\_\_