

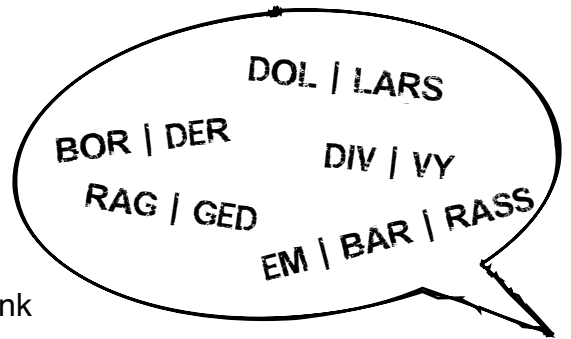
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# Chunking long words

## Part 2

Remember how we read words with a double consonant in the middle, like **sudden**?

You read a word like this by covering up the chunk of the word after the line.



Read just that first chunk of the word. **sud|den**

Then read just the end chunk: **sud|den**

Blend the two chunks back together: **sud + den**

→ You can use almost the same rule for words that have **two different consonants** in the middle.

Consonants are the letters that aren't vowels:



(can also be a vowel)

All these words have two consonants in the middle with a vowel on either side. Find the pattern VCCV in each of these words below:

plastic

subject

shelter

sister

discuss

gender

asti

vccv

vccv

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Now, draw a line between the two consonants in the middle: VC|CV .

plas|tic

subject

shelter

sister

discuss

gender

Read each syllable chunk:

plas|tic

plas|tic

Then blend them together:

plas + tic

In words with two consonants, the vowel sound in the first chunk is usually short.

plăs + tic

Put the symbol for a short vowel sound over the vowel in the first chunks of the words listed above.

## Chunking long words, continued

1. Choose a VC|CV word from the list below. Write a sentence using that word.

plastic	subject	shelter
unless	discuss	gender
public	consist	insist
upset		

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2. Turn to your partner. Take turns reading your sentence out loud. Write down your partner's sentence below.

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Ask your partner to circle the VC|CV word.

3. Check that your partner's work is correct.  I did this.

4. Make up a different sentence with another one of the VC|CV words.

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5. Read the sentence to your partner.  I did this.

6. Write your partner's sentence and circle the VC|CV word.

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