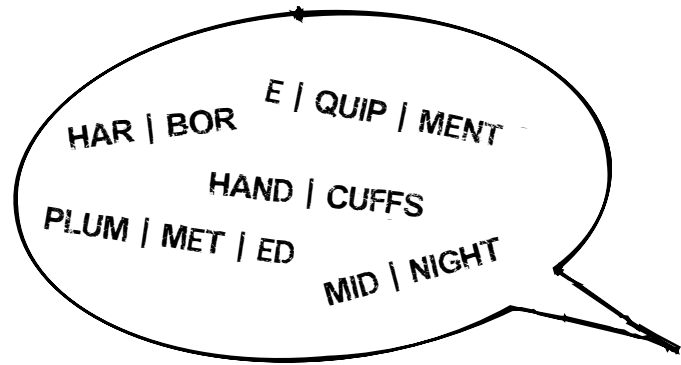


Name:

# Syllables and vowels

Syllables are chunks of sound.



If you say these words out loud you will hear the chunks or beats of sound:

man - sky - rope

← These words have 1 syllable

tower - arrest - beneath

← These words have 2 syllables

October - memory - cathedral

← These words have 3 syllables

Syllables have a **vowel** sound. The vowels are a, e, i, o, u or sometimes y.

Circle the vowels in this word:

A f g h a n i s t a n

Do you know what this long word is?!

## How to find syllables:

1. You can try saying the word and clapping the number of beats you hear in the word.



2. You can look at the word and count the number of vowels. But remember:

plū m mē tē d      3

• Don't count the **silent vowel e** at the end of words.

rō pē      ~~2~~ 1

• Don't count the **second vowel** in vowel combos like oo, ea, or ee.

bē nē ā th      ~~3~~ 2

## Syllables and vowels, continued

### Quick quiz:

1. Select the group of letters that is a syllable:

ar                  ss                  ng                  st

2. Select the group of letters that is not a syllable:

ment                  ly                  gv                  ing

3. Select the group of letters that is not a syllable:

un                  der                  neath                  th

4. Write the number of syllables for these words:

astonishing  
\_\_\_\_\_ syllables

criminal  
\_\_\_\_\_ syllables

Orlando  
\_\_\_\_\_ syllables

Rihanna  
\_\_\_\_\_ syllables

hero  
\_\_\_\_\_ syllables

pickpocket  
\_\_\_\_\_ syllables

Texas  
\_\_\_\_\_ syllables

helicopter  
\_\_\_\_\_ syllables