

Method for Syllable Division

1. **Underline the vowels** that can make a sound.
2. **Cross out** silent vowels. (make~~e~~)
3. **Count the underlined vowels** and you will know how many syllables the word has.
4. **Divide between consonants:**

ban \ dits *ex \ pand* *com \ bat*
vc cv *vc cv* *vc cv*

Keep consonant blends and digraphs together

tan \ trum *pam \ phlet*
vc cv *vc cv*

If there is only one consonant in the middle, try putting it with the second syllable:

si \ lent *re \ fund* *de \ pend*
v cv *v cv* *v cv*

If this does not form a recognizable word, put the consonant back with the first syllable:

lim \ it *sol \ id* *clin \ ic*
vc v *vc v* *vc v*

5. **If there is a suffix such as –er, –ing, or –ful**, separate this from the rest of the word:

help \ ful *bank \ er* *lift \ ing*