Syllables

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: A **syllable** is a **beat** in a word. Every syllable has **one vowel sound**. Clap it out: cat (1), pen-cil (2), but-ter-fly (3).

Chin trick: put your hand under your chin and say the word. Each time your chin drops is one syllable.

1. Count the beats

Clap each word. Circle the number of syllables.



1	dog	1	2	3
2	rabbit	1	2	3
3	butterfly	1	2	3
4	jump	1	2	3
5	window	1	2	3
6	banana	1	2	3
7	school	1	2	3
8	pencil	1	2	3
9	dinosaur	1	2	3

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2. Split the word

Circle the correct way to divide each word into syllables.

1. sunset = _____

   sun-set | su-nset | suns-et

2. basket = _____

   ba-sket | bas-ket | bask-et

3. tiger = _____

   tig-er | t-iger | ti-ger

4. elephant = _____

   el-e-phant | ele-ph-ant | e-leph-ant

Answer Key

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2. Split the word

1	sunset = **sun-set**	**sun-set**	su-nset	suns-et
2	basket = **bas-ket**	ba-sket	**bas-ket**	bask-et
3	tiger = **ti-ger**	tig-er	t-iger	**ti-ger**
4	elephant = **el-e-phant**	**el-e-phant**	ele-ph-ant	e-leph-ant