

SYLLABLES/SPELLING PATTERNS

What is a Syllable?

A **syllable** is a single sound heard when saying a word out loud.

All words have at least one syllable.

A syllable may be one letter or several letters.

Example:

The word contagious has 3 syllables.

You can break the word contagious into syllables like this:
con / ta / gious

What are



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Selling pat
many word

nd in

bead

bread

dead

head

instead

great

break

Recognizing spelling patters can help you pronounce words you may not know.

Try This!

How many syllables are in the word **watermelon**?

- a) 3
- b) 4
- c) 5
- d) 6

Comb, dumb, and debt all share a common spelling pattern, that pattern is:

- a) an unstressed vowel.
- b) a silent letter.
- c) the words are spelled incorrectly.

Circle the word on each line that is spelled **correctly**, using the appropriate spelling pattern.

howl

cow

powe

fown



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Underline the **ea** spelling pattern in each word; **say** the words.

bead, great, read, bread, treat, instead, break, head, meat

Now, **list** the above words in groups based on their **pronunciation**.

Group 1

Group 2

Group 3

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____



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