

# Counting Syllables

A **syllable** is a part of a word. It usually has a vowel in it. A **syllable** is also called a 'beat' and we can identify **syllables** by clapping the 'beats' in words.

Examples: cat=1 beat, yellow=2 beats, umbrella=3 beats, etc.

Directions: Select a paragraph in your book, or use the paragraph below.

As you “count the beats” in each word, write the word in the correct column.



1 syllable	2 syllables	3 syllables	4 or more syllables

As the bus pulled to the curb, everyone was still giggling. I just had to prank someone. I thought about it while we waited in line. Maybe I could tell Rosie that her shoe is untied. That would be super funny. No, probably only a kindergartner would think up something that lame. What's so funny about a shoe being untied? And, who would fall for it anyway? I gotta think of something better. Thank goodness, I had all day.

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