



# Syllable Division Rules Poster

Pattern	Where Should I Divide the Word?	Example
<b>VCCV</b>	When two consonants are between two vowels, divide between the consonants.	<b><i>shel-ter</i></b>
<b>VCCCV</b>	When three or more consonants are between two vowels, keep the digraphs and blends together.	<b><i>hun-dred</i></b>
<b>VCV</b>	When one consonant is between two vowels, first divide after the first vowel and sound out the syllables. If that does not make a recognizable word, divide after the consonant.	<b><i>ro-bot</i></b> <b><i>cab-in</i></b>
<b>Consonant '-le'</b>	Count back three letters from the 'e' and divide.	<b><i>can-dle</i></b>
<b>VV</b>	When two vowels are together (and each has its own sound — they are not a vowel team or diphthong), divide between the vowels.	<b><i>ne-on</i></b> <b><i>li-on</i></b>
<b>Prefixes and Suffixes</b>	Look for the base word. Separate the prefix and/or suffix from the base word. Now, decide if the base word needs to be divided.	<b><i>un-load-ed</i></b>