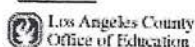


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# Teaching Syllable Segmentation

## The Task

Children participate in a series of activities that help them realize that words are made up of syllables. For example, "Can you count the syllables or the word parts in football?"

## Activities

### 1. Syllable Clap

- Talk with children about why knowing about syllables can help them when they read and write.
- Ask them to clap with you as you say these words:

sunshine	vacation	delicious	dinner
astronaut	alphabet	communication	calendar
school	wonderful	merry-go-round	television

### 2. Syllable Count

- Have children clap for each syllable you say.
- Begin with two or three syllable words and build up to longer words with more syllables:

airplane	air	plane	2			
table	ta	ble	2			
porcupine	por	cu	pine	3		
communication	com	mun	i	ca	tion	5

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